

# **Reflexes of Finiteness in Romance**

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## Abstract

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This dissertation investigates the concept of finiteness across Romance, a theoretical notion very frequently used within linguistics although still poorly understood (Ledgeway 2007:335). Various Romance verb forms and clauses which are not readily classifiable as either finite or non-finite are examined, such as personal and inflected infinitives, as well as Balkan-style subjunctives in Romanian, Salentino, and southern Calabrian, morphologically finite verb forms which behave syntactically as non-finite verbs.

First the categorial status of irrealis complements is studied; it is argued that both non-finite (the Romance infinitival complementisers deriving from Latin *AD* and *DE*) and irrealis complementisers (southern Calabrian *mu*, Salentino *cu*, Upper southern Italian *che* and Romanian *să*) are spurious categories. Specifically, it is shown that *AD*, *DE*, *mu* and *cu* can head variously sized clauses with different degrees of syntactic finiteness and that the morphological form of the verb does not seem to influence the clause size nor the degree of finiteness. Romanian *să*-clauses, on the other hand, are consistently CPs. It is thus concluded that there is no cross-linguistic correlation between finiteness and clause size.

Second, the diachrony of these irrealis complementisers is analysed as well; they all result from a process of downwards (re)grammaticalisation, whereby grammatical elements originating in the C-domain come to occupy the lowest position of the CP, and, in the case of *mu* and *cu*, also come to head smaller complements and thus to occupy lower functional heads. This process is accompanied by a reanalysis from phrase (XP) to head (X) with concomitant phonological reduction.

Third, it is shown that, unlike finite verbs, non-finite and semi-finite verb forms consistently move to a high position within the clause. This is also true of subjunctives; all have a common feature that requires the verb be moved to the edge of the inflectional domain. This movement renders the regular subject position SpecTP unavailable in most of these cases.

The central proposal of the dissertation is that finiteness is not a linguistic primitive, but should be broken down into the anchoring of both Tense and Person. Both allow for different degrees of anchoring to the speech act (independent, dependent, or absent). There is an asymmetrical relationship between the two: only when Tense anchoring takes place, can Person anchoring obtain too. The combination of both anchoring mechanisms yields a scalar view of finiteness that matches more closely the wide range of semi-finite and non-finite forms explored in the dissertation. It is the dependent anchoring which triggers non-finite and semi-finite verbs to move high, while the absence of this anchoring automatically renders reduced complements non-finite. Finally, only when both anchoring mechanisms act completely independently does a fully finite clause obtain.



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## List of abbreviations and symbols used

1/2/3	first/second/third person	LAS	lower adverb space
ABL	ablative	LASp.	Latin American Spanish
ACC	accusative	Lat.	Latin
BFr.	Belgian French	LE	(province of) Lecce
BN	(province of) Benevento	LL	late Latin
BrPt.	Brazilian Portuguese	LOC	locative
Cal.	Calabrian	M	masculine
Cat.	Catalan	Nap.	Neapolitan
CE	(province of) Caserta	NEG	negation
CH	(province of) Chieti	NO	(province of) Novara
CL	Classical Latin	NOM	nominative
COND	conditional	NID(s)	northern Italian dialect(s)
Cos.	Cosentino	NOC	non-obligatory control
CS	(province of) Cosenza	NPI	negative polarity item
CZ	(province of) Catanzaro	NU	(province of) Nuoro
DAT	dative	O	Old
DET	determiner	OC	obligatory control
DOM	differential object marking	PART	partitive (clitic)
EC	exhaustive control	PASS	passive
ESID(s)	extreme southern Italian dialect(s)	PC	partial Control
EuPt.	European Portuguese	PL	plural
F	feminine	PLPRF	pluperfect
Fr.	French	PPC	past participle construction
FUT	future	PRET	preterite
Gal.	Galician	PRF	perfect
GEN	genitive	<i>pro</i>	silent subject pronoun
GER	gerund	PRO	silent controlled subject
HAS	higher adverb space	PRS	present
It.	Italian	PST	past
IMP	imperative	Pt.	Portuguese
IND	indicative	REFL	reflexive
IPFV	imperfect	Ro.	Romanian
INF	infinitive	RC	(province of) Reggio Calabria

Sal.	Salentino	VCat.	Valencian Catalan
Srd.	Sardinian	Ven.	Venetan
SBJV	subjunctive		
S	nouthern	=	cliticises to
SG	singular	*	ungrammatical
SID(s)	southern Italian dialect(s)	?	marginal
Sp.	Spanish	%	interspeaker variation
SUP	supine	#	grammatical with different
USID(s)	upper southern Italian dialect(s)		interpretation

# 1. Introduction: traditional views on finiteness and problems in Romance

## 1. Finiteness

### 1.1 Traditional definitions

Finiteness has traditionally been defined as a binary morphological property of verbs and/or clauses. Within paradigms we can distinguish finite (inflected) and non-finite (non-inflected) forms. Such a definition is still very much in use, for example, in Matthews' (2007) *Dictionary of Linguistics*, 'finite' is defined as follows:

- (1) "Traditionally a verb, e.g. in Latin or Greek, inflected for person and number. Now more generally of any verb whose form is such that it can stand in a simple declarative sentence: e.g. Latin *veni* ('came-1sg') 'I came'; English *came* in *I came* or *was (standing)* as in *He was standing*. Opp. non-finite, infinitive; cf. tensed."

(Matthews 2007)

This definition gives us the traditional morphological property that makes a verb finite: being inflected for person and number. It mentions however how this relates to a syntactic property: only a finite verb can head a matrix (declarative) clause. Similarly, Trask (1993) and Crystal (2008) give the following definitions:

- (2) "Denoting a form of a verb or auxiliary which can in principle serve as the only verb form in a sentence and which typically carries the maximum in morphological marking for such categories as tense and agreement permitted in a language."

(Trask 1993:103-4)

- (3) "A term used in the grammatical classification of types of verbs and clauses. A finite verb (phrase) is a form that can occur on its own in a finite independent sentence (or main clause); it permits formal contrasts in tense and mood. Non-finite forms of the verb, on the other hand, occur on their own only in dependent clauses, and lack tense and mood contrasts. All forms except the infinitives and participles (-ing and -en forms) are finite, e.g. *is walking*, *have walked*, *walks*. Clauses which contain a finite verb are finite clauses (these in English always contain a subject, except in the case of commands); otherwise, they are non-finite clauses (e.g. *walking down the street*, *to kick the ball*)."

(Crystal 2008)

The focus on the presence of inflection is common to all three definitions. This idea of finiteness goes back to the grammatical tradition of Latin and Greek grammarians (Nikolaeva 2007a:1; see also Anderson 2007:26), who divided verbs into *verba finita* and *verba infinita*, where *finitus* has to be interpreted as ‘limited’. Finiteness has thus traditionally been seen mainly as a property of the verb, which, in turn, bears consequences for the clause it appears in.

Following this tradition, within the grammars of Romance languages, infinitives, gerunds, and participles are standardly classified as non-finite, whereas the indicative and subjunctive paradigms involve finite verbs. Infinitives, gerunds, and participles typically lack tense marking and person agreement; they do not usually occur in sentences without an inflected (auxiliary) verb. Indicative and subjunctive verb forms, on the other hand, feature tense marking and agree in person and number with their subject, and are therefore regarded as finite.

However, a purely morphological definition is untenable from a cross-linguistic point of view. There are many languages that present very little or no morphological inflection at all in their verbal paradigms, e.g. Chinese, Vietnamese (Klein 2006:246). Also some Indo-European language such as Danish (Vincent 1998:11) or Afrikaans (Donaldson 1993:318) do not have any inflectional person/number marking, which makes distinguishing verbs based on the presence or absence of inflection extremely difficult. The absence of morphological agreement or tense marking does not however mean that these languages do not distinguish between finite and non-finite clauses at a syntactic level.

For instance, in Afrikaans, where the verbal paradigm consists of a base form (e.g. *werk* ‘(to) work’) and a past participle (e.g. *gewerk* ‘worked’), finite verbs do not differ morphologically from infinitives. Nevertheless, on a syntactic level, finite clauses differ from infinitival ones in several ways. Consider the following examples:

- (4) a. *Vandag is hy siek.*  
 today be.3SG he ill  
 ‘He is ill today.’

(Afrikaans, Donaldson 1993:362)

- b. *Ek is besig om 'n brief te skryf.*  
 I be.1SG busy for a letter to write.INF  
 ‘I am busy writing a letter.’

(Afrikaans, Donaldson 1993:272)

- (5) a. *Sy het dit kon lees, ten spyte van die tydsdruk*  
 she have.3SG this be.able.INF read.INF, in spite of the time.pressure  
*waaronder sy werk.*

under.which she work.3SG

'She was able to read this, in spite of the pressure under which she works.'

- b. *Sy kon dit seker ge lees het, maar ek is nie seker of*  
 She can.PST.3SG this certainly read.PTC have.INF, but I be.1SG NEG sure whether  
*sy wel het nie.*  
 she indeed have.3SG NEG

'She could probably have read this, but I am not sure if she did.'

(Afrikaans, Biberauer, p.c.)

In main clauses (and many embedded clauses when the complementiser *dat* 'that' is dropped), finite verbs move to second position (4a); non-finite verbs never undergo this movement and show OV order (4b). Second, as shown in (4b) as well, infinitives are introduced by (*om*) *te* '(for) to', whereas the finite complementiser is *dat* 'that'. Third, the ordering of verb clusters is sensitive to a distinction within the non-finite domain (5): infinitives always follow their selecting verb, whereas participles precede it.<sup>1</sup> The absence of morphological marking of finiteness thus does not mean that there is no opposition between finite and non-finite form, as illustrated by Afrikaans.

## 1.2 Problems in Romance

Also within Romance a purely morphological definition of finiteness runs into problems. Many Romance languages boast a series of verb forms that cannot be readily classified as finite or non-finite. For instance, there are many non-finite forms which can bear person/number inflection, such as the inflected infinitives of European Portuguese, Galician, Sardinian and Old Neapolitan (6). Old Neapolitan and some southern European Portuguese varieties allow inflected gerunds as well (7), and Old Neapolitan even has inflected present and past participles (8), although these latter forms were quite rare (Vincent 1996; 1998; Ledgeway 2009a):

- (6) *Será difícil eles aprovarem a proposta.*  
 be.FUT.3SG difficult they approve.INF.3.PL the proposal  
 'It will be difficult for them to approve the proposal.'

(EuPt., Raposo 1987:86)

- (7) *Li casali intravano adimandando pane.*

<sup>1</sup> The fact that there can be verb clusters shows that there must be a distinction between finite and non-finite forms, as it is not possible to juxtapose two elements of the same type (a principle adopted from phonology, the Obligatory Contour Principle (Neeleman & Van de Koot 2006)).

[the inhabitants of] the outlying villages enter.IPFV.3PL demand.GER.3.PL bread

'The inhabitants of the outlying villages came in asking for bread.'

(ONap., *Cronaca di tumulti* 1585; *apud* Vincent 1998:5)

(8) *In questa città di Napoli erano duo mariti e mugliere timentino Dio.*

in this city of Naples be.IPFV.3PL two husbands and wives fearing.3.PL God

'In the city of Naples there were two husbands and wives who feared God.'

(ONap., Loporcaro 1986:194)

These are verb forms that are traditionally regarded as non-finite but which agree with their nominative subject in person and number features overtly – a property which is often used to distinguish between finite and non-finite forms. They will be discussed in more detail in chapter 4.

By contrast, personal infinitives which do not agree morphologically, but still license a nominative subject (another hallmark of finiteness, in this case syntactic) are found in the majority of Romance languages (cf. chapter 4, and see Ledgeway 2000: ch.3; Mensching 2000). An example is given from Catalan:

(9) *Menjar ara nosaltres no seria mala idea.*

eat.INF now we.NOM NEG be.COND.3SG bad idea

'For us to eat now would not be a bad idea.'

(Cat., Wheeler, Yates & Dols 1999:399)

The traditional definition of finiteness thus runs into problems both on a morphological and syntactic level.

A third problematic form is the subjunctive as found in Romanian, Salentino and southern Calabrian (henceforth referred to as 'Balkan-style subjunctive'). These verbs are morphologically finite, in that they bear apparent morphological marking for tense, aspect and mood and they agree with their subject. However, on a syntactic level, they pattern with non-finite clauses, in that they do not have deictic (or absolute) tense, as shown in (10). Deictic tenses can be defined as "tenses which take the present moment as their deictic centre" (Comrie 1985:36).

(10) *Am vrut să plece ieri.*

have.1SG wanted SA leave.SBJV.3SG yesterday

'I wanted him to leave yesterday.'

(Ro.)

Instead, with functional verbs such as modals and aspectuals, the tense is to be interpreted as simultaneous (11a); with lexical control verbs, the embedded tense is future/irrealis (11b), on a par with infinitival complements (Stowell 1982; Bošković 1997):

- (11) a. *Ncumencianu/finiscinu mi (u) mbivinu*  
 start.3PL/finish.3PL MU it=drink.3PL  
 'They start/finish drinking it.'  
 (SCal., Bova Marina (RC), Squillaci 2016:110)
- b. *Decidia mi fazzu i lestopitti.*  
 decide.1SG MU make.1SG the lestopitti  
 'I decide to make lestopitti.'  
 (SCal., Bova Marina (RC))

Furthermore, the subject of a Balkan-style subjunctive can be obligatorily co-referent with an argument of the matrix clause (12), just as the subjects of infinitival clauses in other Romance languages:

- (12) *Ion<sub>i</sub> ştie să vorbească e<sub>i/\*j</sub> engleza.*  
 Ion know.how.3SG SA speak.SBJV.3SG English  
 'Ion knows how to speak English.'  
 (Ro.)

Thus, the morphologically finite form of the Balkan-style subjunctive shows some syntactic characteristics that are typically associated with non-finite forms.

The syntactic definition according to which only finite forms can head their own clause is also not without problems, as non-finite forms can appear in matrix clauses; for instance, infinitives are used to form the negative imperative in varieties such as Italian, Romanian and Old French (Zanuttini 1997a:chap. 4). Another instance of a non-finite form in a matrix clause is the so-called 'narrative infinitive', where an infinitive acts as a main verb (cf. chapter 5§1.2):

- (13) *Marie est venue et Jean de partir.*  
 Marie be.3SG come and Jean of leave.INF  
 'Marie has come and Jean has left.'  
 (Fr., Nikolaeva 2007b:153)

There is thus a series of phenomena within Romance which challenge the traditional definition of finiteness as a morphological, binary opposition.

### 1.3 Research questions

Given that the traditional definition of finiteness turns out to be problematic for Romance, the question arises of how to define finiteness; whether it is a binary distinction (i.e. the traditional view) or rather a scalar phenomenon (cf. chapter 5, as well as Vincent 1998, Ledgeway 1998). The latter view could accommodate problematic forms such as the inflected or personal infinitive as intermediate between ‘finite’ and ‘non-finite’. Another discussion point is whether finiteness is a notion that is purely morphological or also syntactic or semantic, or a combination of these. Certain properties associated typically with finiteness are morphological (e.g. presence of inflection), others syntactic (licensing of a nominative subject). If we need to distinguish between these levels of grammar, is finiteness actually a linguistic primitive (Vincent 1998; Adger 2007)? Or is it the result of a combination of syntactic features, such as the ability to assign nominative Case, the position of subjects and the temporal evaluation of the verb (Ledgeway 1998)? In short, the notion of finiteness is “surrounded by controversy” (Nikolaeva 2010:1176), and, “although standardly recognized by linguists of many diverse theoretical persuasions, finiteness continues to figure among one of the most poorly understood concepts of linguistic theory” (Ledgeway 2007:335).

The main research question of this dissertation thus focuses on the nature of finiteness as emerging from data from Romance languages. How do intermediate forms, such as the inflected and personal infinitive, or the Balkan-style subjunctive, fit in a finite – non-finite continuum? What are its reflexes of finiteness at a (morpho)syntactic level? It could be hypothesised that finiteness correlates with the presence or absence of functional structure in a clause, or that it is reflected in properties such as verb movement. Does a non-finite clause correspond to a reduced structure? Is there a difference in the movement of finite verbs and non-finite verbs? A related question focuses on the diachrony of finiteness: can finiteness change? We see the replacement of non-finite forms with (modally marked) finite forms in Romanian, Salentino and southern Calabrian. At first glance, it seems that these complements become more finite, as the subjunctive has morphological marking for tense and agreement, which an infinitive does not have. Does this replacement of the infinitive by a subjunctive also have consequences for finiteness on a syntactic level? Furthermore, this replacement raises questions about the relation between mood and finiteness. Are modally marked forms such as the subjunctive less finite than indicative forms? The present dissertation aims to provide answers to these research questions by closely investigating non-finite clauses, focusing particularly on the problematic cases of the Balkan-style subjunctive and the inflected and personal infinitives. Other constructions, such as pseudo-

coordination (Ledgeway 1997; Ledgeway 2016a; Andriani 2017:chap. 5; Di Caro 2018) and imperatives have been excluded for limitations of time and space but are definitely worth investigating with respect to finiteness. This will be left for future research.

## 2. Theoretical assumptions

This dissertation is couched in a hybrid Minimalist and cartographic framework. The cartographic approach (Rizzi 1997; Cinque 1999; Rizzi 2004; Cinque & Rizzi 2015) aims to draw specific maps of functional structure “as precise and as detailed as possible” (Cinque & Rizzi 2015:66). The guiding heuristic principle is the maxim of “one (morphosyntactic) property – one feature – one head” (Cinque & Rizzi 2015:74). Each projection is thus not only based on empirical data in terms of orderings of morphemes and functional elements, but is also semantically motivated; there are thus no semantically vacuous heads such as Agreement heads (Rizzi 2004:6). Following the strongest hypothesis based on the Uniformity Principle (Chomsky 2001), which assumes languages to be uniform unless there is evidence to the contrary, it is assumed that the sequence of functional heads is universal and that they are always projected in every language. The order of these functional heads is partly determined through semantics (Cinque & Rizzi 2015:77).

One of the first domains to be split according to the new cartographic approach was the CP. Rizzi (1997) originally proposed the extended complementiser domain as in (14). In later research, a few additional projections have been posited, yielding (15):

(14) [Force [Top\* [Foc [Top\* [Fin [IP ...]]]]]]]]]

(Rizzi 1997:297)

(15) [Force [Top\* [Int [Top\* [Foc [Top\* [Mod [Top\* [Fin [IP ...]]]]]]]]]]]

(Rizzi & Bocci 2017:8)

In a similar manner, the I-domain is split up in a series of functional heads (Cinque 1999). Cinque notes that adverbs tend to occur in the same order cross-linguistically, as well as functional verbs. He assumes the following clausal spine, whereby adverbs lexicalise the specifier positions of specific functional heads (16). These functional heads can be realised by the verbs in (17):

(16) [**frankly** Mood<sub>speech act</sub> [**fortunately** Mood<sub>evaluative</sub> [**allegedly** Mood<sub>evidential</sub> [**probably** Mod<sub>epistemic</sub> [**once** T(Past) [**then** T(Future) [**perhaps** Mood<sub>irrealis</sub> [**necessarily** Mod<sub>necessity</sub> [**possibly** Mod<sub>possibility</sub> [**usually** Asp<sub>habitual</sub> [**again** Asp<sub>repetitive(I)</sub> [**often** Asp<sub>frequentative(I)</sub>

[**intentionally** Mod<sub>volitional</sub> [**quickly** Asp<sub>celerative(1)</sub> [**already** T(Anterior) [**no longer** Asp<sub>terminative</sub> [**still** Asp<sub>continuative</sub> [**always** Asp<sub>perfect(?)</sub> [**just** Asp<sub>retrospective</sub> [**soon** Asp<sub>proximative</sub> [**briefly** Asp<sub>durative</sub> [**characteristically?** Asp<sub>generic/progressive</sub> [**almost** Asp<sub>prospective</sub> [**completely** Asp<sub>SgCompletive(I)</sub> [**tutto** Asp<sub>P1Completive</sub> [**well** Voice [**fast/early** Asp<sub>celerative(II)</sub> [**again** Asp<sub>repetitive(II)</sub> [**often** Asp<sub>frequentative(II)</sub> [**completely** Asp<sub>SgCompletive(II)</sub>

(Cinque 1999:106)

- (17) [Mod<sub>Epistemic/Alethic</sub> **dovere/potere** [Asp<sub>Habitual</sub> **solere** [Asp<sub>Predispositional</sub> **tendere** [Asp<sub>Repetitive</sub> **tornare** [Mod<sub>Volition</sub> **volere** [Asp<sub>Terminative</sub> **smettere** [Asp<sub>Continuative(I)</sub> **continuare** [Asp<sub>Durative/Progressive</sub> **stare** [Mod<sub>Obligation/Ability</sub> **dovere/potere** [Asp<sub>Frustrative/Success</sub> **riuscire** [Mod<sub>Permission</sub> **potere** [Asp<sub>Conative</sub> **provare** [Causative **fare** [Asp<sub>Inceptive</sub> **cominciare** [Asp<sub>Andative</sub> **andare** [Asp<sub>Completive</sub> **finire** [v-VP V...

(Ledgeway & Roberts forthcoming)

In this thesis, cartography is adopted because it allows us to have a more precise idea of verb-movement and the amount of functional structure present in different types of non-finite clauses. These are less clearly recognisable in less articulated (minimalist) structures with only the core functional categories C, T, and v.

From Minimalism, the concept of phases will be adopted when classifying certain clause types. Phases are the domains to which certain operations are restricted due to locality conditions (Gallego 2010:39). The complement of a phase head becomes inaccessible to outside operations as soon as the following phase head is merged (modulo the details depending on the version of the Phase Impenetrability Condition which is adopted (cf. Chomsky 2000; 2001)); only the phase head and its edge remain visible. As will become clear in chapters 2 and 5, the same clause size and the same amount of functional structure (and thus phase heads) do not always translate into the same degree of finiteness and transparency of a clause. This is where the distinction between non-phasal and phasal complements, as well as defective phases, comes in. When a phase (head) is defective, its complement is still accessible to outside operations even when the phase head is merged. An example of a defective phase, discussed in chapter 5, is a subjunctive complement (Gallego 2010:163), because they show various transparency effects (cf. e.g. Meireles & Raposo 1983; Piccolo 1984a; Progovac 1993) and lead to “domain extension” (Kempchinsky 1987).

Another notion that will be adopted from Minimalist approaches is that of feature inheritance. According to Chomsky (2004),  $\phi$ -features, i.e. person, number, and gender, originate on the phase heads, e.g. C, but can then be shared with or donated to lower functional heads, e.g. T (cf. also Ouali 2008). The features relevant to the morphological expression of finiteness can be located both on the C-head and the T-related heads, which can be accounted for through this mechanism.

It is often thought that the richness of cartographic derivations is contrary to Minimalist goals, which generally only assume the core categories C, T, *v*. However, these are two different approaches, focusing on different elements of grammar: whereas Minimalism studies the general mechanisms guiding the derivation, cartography focuses on the precise subparts of the derivation, resulting in a “fruitful division of labour” (Cinque & Rizzi 2015:73). Chomsky (2000:143 fn.31) himself states explicitly that the core functional categories C, T, *v* (in the clausal domain) and D (in the nominal domain) assumed in the Minimalist tradition are “surrogates for richer systems”. In this dissertation, therefore, the cartographic approach will be adopted whenever trying to establish the precise location of elements within the derivation, but this will be combined with general Minimalist ideas about clause derivation and finiteness on a broader level.

### 3. Methodology

The data studied in the present thesis have been collected in a range of ways. For many languages, questionnaires have been formed with a grammaticality-judgment task, e.g. French, Spanish, European Portuguese, Catalan, Italian, northern Italian varieties (Venetian), and southern Italian varieties (Airolano and Moianese, two closely related dialects in the province of Benevento, Campania, as well as Verbicarese, spoken in the province of Cosenza, Calabria). Wherever possible, interviews based on the questionnaires have been conducted in person, to avoid any misunderstandings, and in case of verb movement, to make sure speakers judged the sentences with a neutral, flat intonation (cf. Schifano 2018:3–4). Otherwise, they have been filled out digitally. Extensive interviews have also been carried out with speakers of Romanian, Calabrian and Salentino. The Sardinian data proved more difficult to collect online, as the inflected infinitive is less used nowadays. Mostly older speakers in remote villages tend to use the form. Given these sociolinguistic factors, I undertook a short fieldwork trip to collect more data for the inflected and personal infinitives in the province of Nuoro in April 2018.

In both cases, speakers were asked to judge sentences choosing between 1 ‘correct, I would say this’, 2 ‘I do not use this, but I have heard people say it’ or 3 ‘incorrect, nobody would say this’. When studying verb movement, speakers were also asked to pick the most ‘natural’ word order between the various options they had been given to judge, though there was not always a strong preference for one order over another. The data collected via questionnaires and/or interviews have always been compared to and integrated with those found in the literature.

#### 4. Overview of the thesis

The present dissertation is structured as follows. Chapter 2 analyses the structural position of the irrealis subordinators in various Romance languages, specifically *che* in upper southern Italian dialects (henceforth, USIDs), Romanian *să*, southern Calabrian *mu/ma/mi* and Salentino *cu*. As will be shown, the complements introduced by these elements can be more or less finite. The main question is whether the different levels of finiteness correspond to different structural sizes of the complement. It will be shown that no such one-to-one relationship between the dimension of the clause and its degree of finiteness exists cross-linguistically.

Subsequently, chapter 3 studies the diachrony of the same irrealis subordinators. None of these was originally used as such, and in the case of Romanian *să*, Salentino *cu* and southern Calabrian *mu/mi/ma*, their emergence correlates with a replacement of a morphologically non-finite verb form (viz. the infinitive) with a morphologically apparently finite form (viz. the subjunctive). The diachrony of the irrealis complementisers is thus closely connected to the diachrony of morphosyntactic finiteness. For some of these subordinators, the etymology is widely accepted; for others, such as *mu*, there is disagreement in the literature. I will argue that both *cu* and *mu* derive from Lat. *QUOMODO* 'how'. This chapter shows furthermore that all these irrealis markers are a result of downwards grammaticalisation and therefore present a challenge for many current theories, such as the one put forward by Roberts & Roussou (2003).

Chapter 4 aims to trace and analyse verb movement in various types of non-finite and semi-finite clauses in Romance, including infinitives with specified subjects, inflected infinitives, bare infinitival clauses, Aux-to-Comp (cf. Rizzi 1982), past participial clauses, and the Romanian supine. It will be shown that despite apparent exceptions in French and Romanian, non-finite and semi-finite verbs across Romance generally move very high in the clause. This high position can be explained by their need to be anchored to another clause. The movement renders the canonical preverbal subject position inaccessible in many cases.

On the basis of the findings of the previous chapters, chapter 5 will define finiteness from the Romance perspective. I will review previous approaches to the notion of finiteness, including typological, functional, and generative approaches. It will be argued that finiteness is not a linguistic primitive, despite the proposal of functional projections like Rizzi's (1997) FinP, but instead should be related to the anchoring of the event to the utterance through both Tense and Person. The relation between mood and finiteness will also be (briefly) discussed. Chapter 6 will conclude the thesis with the answers to the research questions set out in §1.3 and the implications of the new definition of finiteness and the analyses proposed in this dissertation.

## 2. Functional structure and finiteness

### 1. Introduction

Many historical and modern Romance varieties are characterised by the presence of a dual (or multiple) complementiser system, in which one of the two (or in some cases three) complementisers marks *irrealis* mood. Irrealis modality refers to events that have not (yet) taken place, and irrealis complements are neither presupposed nor asserted (unlike factive<sup>1</sup> or realis complements (Hooper & Thompson 1973; Palmer 1986:1)). Examples of irrealis complementisers are Romanian *să* (Dobrovie-Sorin 1994:93-111; Alboiu & Motapanyane 2000), southern Italo-Romance *che/chi* (Rohlf 1969:190-193; Ledgeway 2000:70-75; 2003; 2005; 2006; 2009b; 2012a:170; 2016b) and the Balkan-style complementisers *cu* in Salentino and *mi/mu/ma* in Calabrian and north-eastern Sicilian varieties (Sorrento 1951; Rohlf 1969:190-193; 1983; Calabrese 1992; 1993; Ledgeway 1998; 2013; 2015a; Damonte 2011; De Angelis 2013; 2015). Furthermore, we find *ocche/cocche* introducing a subset of irrealis clauses, namely jussive and optative clauses, in Abruzzese and Molisano varieties (D'Alessandro & Ledgeway 2010). In Romanian, Salentino, southern Calabrian and northeastern Sicilian, the complements introduced by these irrealis subordinators replace many uses of the canonical Romance infinitive and subjunctive. We can expect therefore that these clauses instantiate different degrees of finiteness. They indeed obligatorily show subject coreference and simultaneity in some cases, and future/irrealis and free subjects in others (C-subjunctives and F-subjunctives respectively, in Landau's (2004:827) terms). The former group is thus less finite than the latter. In upper southern Italian dialects (henceforth USIDs), *che* introduces clauses that are typically regarded as finite; they exist alongside infinitival complements, with which they are usually (but not always) in complementary distribution.

This chapter will analyse the structural position of these irrealis subordinators in USIDs, Romanian, southern Calabrian and Salentino, showing that they do not represent a unified phenomenon but rather a spurious category. Some of them, namely southern Calabrian *mu* and Salentino *cu*, appear in different positions along the clausal spine, on a par with the infinitival complementisers A(D) and DE (Ledgeway 2012b; 2015a:157; 2013:fn.6; 2016b:1014-5; Taylor 2014; Squillaci 2016:160-2). The main question is whether the different levels of finiteness correspond to different structural sizes of the complement. It will be shown that no such one-to-

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<sup>1</sup> Factive complements are left aside for most of the discussion in this chapter, as they generally do not select *cu*, *mu*, or *să* in the varieties under discussion.

one relationship between the dimension of the clause and its degree of finiteness holds crosslinguistically.

## 2. USID *ca* vs *che* distinction

Many USIDs present a dual complementiser system with an opposition between *ca*<sup>2</sup> and *che* (Rohlf's 1969; Ledgeway 2000:70-75; 2003; 2005; 2006; 2009b; 2012a:170; 2016b):

- (1) a. *Ji cregə      **ca**    tu      no stasə      buənə.*  
          I believe.1SG that you.SG NEG stay.2SG good  
          'I believe you are mad.'
- b. *Libero vulwera      **cchə** Ccarmela vānerədə      a Bbrāvəcarə.*  
          Libero want.COND.3SG that Carmela come.COND.3SG to Verbicaro  
          'Libero wants Carmela to come to Verbicaro.'

(USIDs, Verbicaro (CS))

According to Rohlf's (1969: 190) there is a split between declarative and epistemic verbs on the one hand and verbs of wishing or intention on the other, due to language contact with Greek, as schematised in Table 1; the first class selects the realis complementiser *ca*, the second class selects an irrealis complementiser (*che/chi*). These two complementisers are sometimes referred to as the indicative and subjunctive complementisers, but *che* does not invariably select subjunctive verbs (Ledgeway 2003; Ledgeway 2005; Ledgeway 2006). Furthermore, in many of these varieties, the present subjunctive morphology has been lost, often substituted by either the present indicative or imperfect subjunctive (Rohlf's 1969:61–3; Ledgeway & Lombardi 2014).

Table 2.1 Dual complementiser systems in southern Italy (Rohlf's 1969: 190/Ledgeway 2006:114)

Italian	<i>penso <b>che</b> verrà</i> 'I think <b>that</b> he will come'	<i>voglio <b>che</b> lui mangi</i> 'I want <b>that</b> he should eat'
Sicily	<i>pensu <b>ca</b> vèni</i>	<i>vògghiu <b>chi</b> mmanciassi</i>
Sicily (prov. of Messina)	<i>critu <b>ca</b> vèni</i>	<i>ògghiu <b>mi</b> mancia</i>
southern Calabria	<i>pensu <b>ca</b> vèni</i>	<i>vogghiu <b>mu (mi)</b> mangia</i>
northern Calabria	<i>ciju <b>ca</b> vèni</i>	<i>vuogliu <b>chi</b> mmangia</i>
Salento	<i>crisciu <b>ca</b> vène</i>	<i>ogghiu <b>cu</b> mmancia</i>

<sup>2</sup> The complementiser *ca* is also attested in Old Spanish and Old Portuguese (Herman 1963: 150ff.; Corr 2016). A homophonous comparative complementiser *ca* (< QUAM) is attested in many Italian dialects (Herman 1963:152; Väänänen 1963:163; Rohlf's 1968:86).

Naples	<i>pènsə <b>ca</b> vèna</i>	<i>vòglià <b>chə</b> mmangə</i>
northern Apulia	<i>pènsə <b>ca</b> vèna</i>	<i>vògghià <b>chə</b> mmangə</i>
Abruzzo	<i>pènsə <b>ca</b> vèna</i>	<i>vòjjə <b>chə</b> mmangə</i>

Note that Rohlfs classifies southern Calabrian *mu* and Salentino *cu* clauses in the same group as the *che/chi* complements of other southern varieties. Here, we will follow Ledgeway (2003, 2005, 2009) and Manzini & Savoia (2011:52) in distinguishing the two, mainly because the *ca/chi* distinction can co-occur with *mu*, as in the Calabrian dialect of Arena. The Balkan-type complementation pattern of the extreme southern dialects will be discussed in §3.

USIDs feature a greater use of finite complementation than other ‘standard’ Romance varieties (Ledgeway 2000:ch.3). Finite clauses do not only occur in non-control complements, but also in obligatory control (OC) contexts:

- (2) a. *Ciro prummette che nun se mbriaca.*  
 Ciro promise.3SG that NEG REFL=get.drunk.3SG  
 ‘Ciro promises that he will not get drunk.’  
 b. *Ciro credere ca canosce a Mmario.*  
 Ciro believe.3SG that know.3SG DOM Mario  
 ‘Ciro believes that he knows Mario.’

(Nap., Ledgeway 2000:68)

However, as we will see, the infinitive is still very much used in these varieties. This is another major difference with the Balkan-style subjunctive found in ESIDs discussed below.

## 2.1 Abruzzese *ocche*

Some eastern Abruzzese dialects present an apparent third complementiser in addition to the *ca* vs. *che* distinction: *ocche* (and its negative counterpart *nocche*), which is used in (negative) jussive and optative clauses (D’Alessandro & Ledgeway 2010). *Ocche* derives from a shortened form of *vò* < VOLET ‘(s)he wants’ + *che* < QUID (Rohlfs 1969: 182-3). D’Alessandro and Ledgeway (2010) convincingly show that *ocche* is to be analysed as a T-element rather than as a traditional complementiser, since it can co-occur with an overt lexicalisation of both Force and Fin (3). It follows overt lexical subjects (3) and it follows negation (4). Finally, it is in complementary distribution with auxiliaries.

- (3) *So ditte **ca**, si ni funzione la machine, **ca** Gianne **ocche** le porte a lu*

be.1SG said ca<sub>force</sub> if not work.3SG the car ca<sub>fin</sub> Gianni ocche it=take.3SG to the  
*meccaniche*.

mechanic

'I said that, if the car won't work, Gianni should take it to the mechanic.'

(Abruzzese, D'Alessandro & Ledgeway 2010:2052)

(4) *Nocche li dice si nni li vo' dice*

NEG=ocche it=say.3SG if not it=want.3SG say.INF

'May he not say it if he doesn't want to!'

(Abruzzese, D'Alessandro & Ledgeway 2010:2056)

As it consistently lexicalises a T-head, it will not be discussed further in the rest of this chapter.

### 3. Balkan-type complementation

#### 3.1 Extreme southern Italian dialects

The Romance varieties spoken in Salento, southern Calabria, and northeastern Sicily, collectively known as *Magna Graecia*, all belong to the extreme southern Italian dialects (ESIDs) historically strongly influenced by Greek. These varieties also present a split between irrealis and realis complements, where the irrealis subordinating particle replaces the canonical Romance infinitive to a large extent.<sup>3</sup> In fact, these varieties present a restricted use of the infinitive (cf. Rohlfs 1969). Examples of the irrealis subordinating particles are given in (5)-(7):

(5) *Lu Karlu ole ku bbene krai.*

the Karlu want.3SG CU come.3SG tomorrow

'Karlu wants to come tomorrow.'

(Sal., Campi Salentina (LE), Calabrese 1993:28)

(6) [voɛʝu **mu** lu 'vijju]

want.1SG MU him=see.1SG

'I want to see him.'

(SCal., San Pietro a Maida (CZ), Manzini & Savoia 2005:656)

(7) *Vogghiu mi veni.*

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<sup>3</sup> Even if the USIDs also present a relatively restricted use of the infinitive in comparison to standard Italian (cf. Ledgeway 2000: 67ff.).

want.1SG MI come.3SG  
 ‘I want him/her to come.’

(Sic., Messina, Leone 1995:68)

These same particles can also function as complementisers introducing purpose clauses.

The emergence of these finite complementation strategies at the expense of the infinitive must undoubtedly be linked to intensive language contact with the Greek spoken in the region (Rohlf 1972; Squillaci 2016). Indeed, they represent the classic example of the Rohlfian slogan “*materia romanza, spirito greco*”, inasmuch as the syntax of complementation follows the Greek PAT(tern), while the lexemes marking these specific complements derive from Latin/Romance lexical MAT(erial) (Matras & Sakel 2007:829–30). Nonetheless, there is much variation between and within southern Calabrian, Sicilian and Salentino in the distribution of the finite and infinitival complementation patterns.

In Salento, the unpopularity of the infinitive has not affected all Salentino dialects to an equal degree. We can in fact distinguish three main groups on the basis of the use of *cu*. In the first group, formed by the northernmost Salentino dialects, the infinitive is regularly used in complement clauses; these dialects do not feature irrealis clauses introduced by *cu* (Mancarella 1998:287). It is indeed to the south of the isogloss Taranto – Ostuni where the construction with *cu* is found. The second group is formed by the northern Salentino dialects of the Brindisino type and some central-southern Salentino dialects, in which verbs expressing volition, desire and similar meanings tend to select *cu* followed by a verb in the subjunctive or indicative:

- (8) a. *Voğđu ku pparlu.*  
 want.1SG CU speak.1SG  
 ‘I want to speak.’  
 b. *Lu mannáu ku ggúárda.*  
 him=send.PRET.1SG CU look.3SG  
 ‘I sent him to look.’

(Sal., Mancarella 1998:187)

In the last group, the southern Salentino dialects, we find the construction with *cu* used even more extensively, since it is extended to other complements such as complements of modal and causative verbs:

- (9) a. *M-a ffattu ku kkapsiku.*  
 me=have.3SG made CU understand.1SG

‘S/he made me understand.’

b. *No ssape            ku kkunta.*

NEG know.3SG    CU count.3SG

‘S/he does not know how to count.’

(Sal., Mancarella 1998:187)

Also in Calabria, there is variation with regards to the complementation patterns attested. It is in the southern part of Calabria that we find the constructions with *mu*, south of the line Nicastro – Tiriolo – Marcellinara – Catanzaro – Sersale – Cervà – Petronà – Mesoraca – Cutro – Botricello (Rohlf 1969:102; Pristerà 1987:140). Within Calabria, there are different morphological variants of the particle. Apart from *mu*, we find *ma* in Catanzaro and its immediate surroundings and *mi* in most parts of the province of Reggio Calabria (Rohlf 1969; Sorrento 1951). In some dialects, *mu* and *mi* can be reduced to ‘*u*’ and ‘*i*’.<sup>4</sup>

Finally, in Sicily, *mi*-clauses are only found in the northeastern part of the island, in the province of Messina. It is in this part of the island that the Greek substrate survived the longest (Leone 1995:67). In the standard description by Rohlf (1969:102) the three outer points of this triangular area are formed by Naso, Toarmina and Messina, but in subsequent research, the isogloss has been extended at the eastern side to Cerami (EN) (Leone 1995:69). Unlike in Calabrian, we do not find any reduced forms of *mi* or allomorphic variants in Sicilian varieties (De Angelis 2015:8). On the whole, the phenomenon is less extended than in Calabrian and Salentino, both diatopically and structurally (De Angelis 2013:25).

In all three varieties, the embedded verb is typically in the present indicative, as the subjunctive has been mostly lost in SIDs, especially the present subjunctive forms (cf. Ledgeway & Lombardi 2014, a.o.). The embedded verb is always indicative in southern Calabrian and Sicilian<sup>5</sup> (Sorrento 1951:387; Ledgeway 1998:34; Roberts & Roussou 2003:92). However, in some Salentino dialects *cu* can be followed by a verb in either the indicative or subjunctive (Rohlf 1969:103). This is dependent on whether the dialect still has a morphological subjunctive form. A specific dialect might have a morphological subjunctive only for the third person, auxiliaries or frequently used lexical verbs (Bertocchi & Damonte 2007) according to the implication hierarchy in (10):

<sup>4</sup> Rohlf (1969:193) describes this as phonological reduction in spoken language but Damonte (2009) and Chillà & Citraro (2012) argue that the reduced form and the full form have a different distribution, which is determined by the presence or absence of object clitics.

<sup>5</sup> In Sicily, the jussive use of *mi* presents another exception as in these clauses *mi* combines with the imperfect subjunctive, yielding an imperative interpretation. However, these main clause uses of *mi* will be left aside here.

- (10) 3 {sg > pl} > 1/2 {sg > pl} / Auxiliary {BE > HAVE} > Lexical {irregular > regular (non- first conjugation > first-conjugation)}

(Ledgeway 2015b:117)

This hierarchy is to be read as meaning that whenever a dialect presents a morphological subjunctive for one of these verb types, it also has a morphological subjunctive for the verb types to its left. This hierarchy correlates with areal distribution. Whereas northernmost and southernmost dialects do not have any morphological subjunctive form, central dialects do (Mancarella 1998:184; Bertocci & Damonte 2007:7).

Although Balkan-style subjunctive markers in Salentino, southern Calabrian and northeastern Sicilian are very similar, there are some distributional differences. The (im)possibility of combining with C-elements constitutes a major difference between Salentino on the one hand and Calabrian and Messinese on the other. Salentino *cu* cannot combine with *ca* (11) or *wh*-elements (12):

- (11) a. *\*Ulia ka ku bbepnu.*  
 want.IMPF.1SG that CU come.1SG  
 'I wanted to come.'
- b. *\*Ulia ka la Maria ku bbene.*  
 want.IMPF.1SG that the Mary CU come.3SG  
 'I wanted Mary to come.'
- c. *\*Sperava ka ku bbepnu.*  
 hope.IMPF.3SG that CU come.1SG  
 'S/he hoped that I would come.'
- d. *\*Sperava ka la Maria ku bbene.*  
 hope.IMPF.3SG that the Mary CU come.3SG  
 'S/he hoped that Mary would come.'

(Sal., Campi Salentina (LE), Calabrese 1992:279)

- (12) a. *\*Me sta ddumannu ntfe ku addzu fare.*  
 me=stay.1SG ask.1SG what CU have.1SG do.INF  
 'I am asking myself what I should do.'
- b. *\*Me sta ddumannu addu ku addzu fire.*  
 me=stay.1SG ask.1SG where CU have.1SG go.INF  
 'I am asking myself where I should go.'

(Sal., Campi Salentina (LE), Calabrese 1992:279)

On the other hand, *mu* can co-occur with C-elements. It can be preceded by a finite complementiser *chi* or *ca*, which leads to the combinations *chimmu* and *cammu*:

- (13) a. *Chimmu ti viu riccu contentu*  
           that=MU you=see.1SG rich happy  
           ‘May I see you rich and happy.’  
       b. *Chinnommu cadi mai malatu!*  
           that=NEG.MU fall.3SG ever ill  
           ‘May he never fall ill.’

(SCal., Roberts & Roussou 2003:91)

In these examples, the matrix complementiser *chi* marks the clause as optative, lexicalising the Force head. Calabrian *mu* can also combine with other elements to form complex expressions, such as *pe* ‘to’, which expresses purpose, to form *pemmu* or *pemmi* (14):

- (14) *Vonnu pe mi vindu.*  
       want.3PL for=MU come.1SG  
       ‘They want me to come.’

(SCal., RC, Rohlf 1969:193)

*Pe* can also be combined with the negative counterpart of *mu*, viz. *nommu*, yielding *pe non mu*, as shown in the following examples (Manzini & Savoia 2005: 659):

- (15) [mi nda 'jivi pɛ nnɔ mmu ti 'viju]  
       me=of.there=go.PRET.1SG for NEG MU you=see.1SG  
       ‘I left in order not to see you.’

(SCal., Davoli (CZ), Manzini & Savoia 2005:659)

In addition, *mu* can follow the interrogative complementiser *si* ‘if’ or *wh*-elements:

- (16) *Non sacciu si mma vegnu o menu.*  
       NEG know.1SG if MU come.1SG or less  
       ‘I do not know if I should come or not.’

(SCal., Ledgeway 1998:30)

- (17) *Non sacciu chimmu dico.*  
       NEG know.1SG what=MU say.1SG

'I do not know what to say.'

(SCal., Locri (CZ), Damonte 2009:232)

Another major difference is the relative order of negation and the subordinator. The position of negation differs between Salentino on the one hand, and southern Calabrian and Sicilian on the other. In Salentino, negation occurs between *cu* and the embedded verb:

- (18) a. [n'd addʒu        'tittu ku    nu (ntʃi) εnɛ].  
          to.him=have.1SG   said   CU    NEG (LOC)=come.3SG  
          'I told him not to come there.'
- b. [εtɛ        mejju ku    nu b'bɛnɛ].  
          be.3SG   better CU    NEG come.3SG  
          'It is better for him not to come.'

(Sal., Carmiano (LE), Manzini & Savoia 2005:660)

Instead, negation generally precedes both *mu* and the verb in southern Calabrian,<sup>6</sup> as in the examples below:

- (19) [supɲu    kun'tɛntu    nɔ mu    u 'viʝu].  
          be.1SG   happy        NEG MU   him=I.see  
          'I am happy that I do not see him.'

(SCal., Gizzeria (CZ), Manzini & Savoia 2005:659)

- (20) [ti ʃissi                    nɔ mmu    lu 'camɪ].  
          to.you=say.PRET.1SG   NEG MU    him=call.2SG  
          'I told you not to call him.'

(SCal., Iacurso (CZ), Manzini & Savoia 2005:659)

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<sup>6</sup> In some dialects, however, we find the Salentino pattern where negation follows the particle *mu*.

- (i) a. [tɛ 'diku        mu ur    u 'camɪ]  
          to.you=say.1SG MU NEG him=call.2SG  
          'I told you not to call him.'
- b. [supɲu kun'tiɛntu mu uŋ 'benanu]  
          be.1SG happy        MU NEG    come.3PL  
          'I am happy they are not coming.'

(SCal., Conflenti (CZ), (Manzini & Savoia 2005:660)

(SCal., Platania (CZ), (Manzini & Savoia 2005:660)

Calabrian *non* is always in a position preceding the subordinator *mu*, and can never be separated from it. There are a series of possible explanations. It might be that negation moves and incorporates onto *mi* (Damonte 2008). Another explanation can be found by assuming a Neg position within the CP (Roberts & Roussou 2003:91), but as argued by Squillaci (2016:162–63), this would be purely stipulative as there is no further evidence for a negative head within the CP. Instead, I will assume here that *nommi* is simply the negative version of the subordinator, modelled on the Greek  $\mu\eta$  (cf. also Latin *ut* and *ne*, and Basque negative complementisers as discussed by Laka (1992)).

### 3.2 Romanian *să*

Romanian presents a complementiser system that is typical of the Balkan Sprachbund, as it features both an indicative complementiser (*că*) and a subordinating particle *să*. This particle marks the subjunctive, which, with the exception of the verb *a fi* ‘be’, presents forms distinct from the indicative only in the 3<sup>rd</sup> person. A subjunctive form can normally not appear without this modal particle. However, in 16<sup>th</sup>-century Romanian there are cases of bare subjunctives, albeit limited to 3<sup>rd</sup> person optatives and imperatives (Sandfeld & Olsen 1962:354; Hill 2013:555; Zafiu et al. 2016:16). The absence of *să* in modern Romanian is still grammatical in optative clauses, when the subject is 3<sup>rd</sup> person:

- (21) *Ducă-se pe pustii!*  
 lead.SBJV.3SG.=REFL on desert  
 ‘May it/s/he go to hell!’

(Ro., Zafiu 2013a:45)

- (22) *Fie cum zici tu!*  
 be.SBJV.3SG how say.2SG you.SG.NOM  
 ‘Be it as you say!’

(Ro., Nicolae 2017:4)

*Să*, like the subordinating particles of the other Balkan languages, has a puzzling nature. While it behaves on the one hand as a modal particle related to the I-domain, it can also act as a conjunction, introducing complement clauses (23b) or final clauses (23c), in opposition with the indicative complementiser *că* (23a):

- (23) a. *Cred că Ion nu a venit la petrecere.*  
 believe.1SG that Ion NEG have.3SG come to party  
 ‘I believe that Ion has not come to the party.’

- b. *Vreau să merg la petrecere.*  
 want.1SG SA go.SBJV.1SG to party  
 'I want to go to the party.'
- c. *Merg să-l aduc pe doctor.*  
 go.1SG SA=him fetch.SBJV.1SG DOM doctor  
 'I go to fetch the doctor.'

(Ro.)

*Să* thus has a dual character. On the one hand it can act as a complementiser and on the other it functions as the subjunctive marker and as such it can occur with other complementisers, as in the following examples where a left-peripheral element precedes the verbal complex and the subordinate clause is then introduced by *ca .. să*:

- (24) a. *Vreau ca Ion să meargă la petrecere.*  
 want.1SG that Ion SA go.SBJV.3SG to party  
 'I want Ion to go to the party.'
- b. *Vreau ca MÂINE să ne vedem, nu azi.*  
 want.1SG that tomorrow SA us=see.1PL NEG today  
 'I want us to see each other tomorrow, not today.'

(Ro.)

Like other Balkan languages, as well as Salentino and Calabrian, Romanian uses the infinitive very rarely in complement clauses. Its use has mostly been replaced by subjunctive clauses headed by *să* (Sandfeld 1930; Rosetti 1962; Joseph 1983; Rivero & Ralli 2001; Tomić 2006). The goal of this chapter is to compare the Romance varieties with irrealis complementisers in terms of their structural position. Their diachrony will be the subject of chapter 3.

### 3.3 Differences between USIDs and Balkan-style complementation

Although both oppositions seem broadly similar, a distinction needs to be drawn between the irrealis complementiser *che/chi* type in opposition to a realis *ca*, as found in USIDs, on the one hand, and subordinating particles such as *să*, *cu* and *mu* on the other (Ledgeway 2003; Ledgeway 2006; Ledgeway 2009b; Manzini & Savoia 2011:51ff.), as the systems can co-occur. This is the case, for instance, in the Calabrian variety spoken in Arena (VV), which employs *mu* for control and raising verbs, but also presents the two distinct complementisers *ca* and *chi* (Manzini & Savoia 2011:51–2). Furthermore, *chi* (the irrealis complementiser, in opposition with the

indicative/realis complementiser *ca*) can combine with *mu* in many southern Calabrian varieties (see (13)). Similarly, *să* appears with the complementiser *ca* (unlike *că*) whenever there is material preceding the subordinating particle (as in (24) above). This is however not the case for Salentino *cu*, which, at least in modern varieties, cannot combine with *ca* (cf. (11) above). From this perspective, *cu* therefore seems more similar to *che*. However, as will be shown in the next section, the structural position of all four irrealis markers (*che*, *cu*, *mu/ma/mi* and *să*) groups *cu* and *mu* together, whereas *să* appears in the same position as *che*.

#### 4. Structural position of irrealis subordinators and complement sizes

##### 4.1 Previous analyses of the position of irrealis complementisers

There is an ongoing debate in the literature about the exact structural position of particles such as *să*, *mu*, and *cu*. The debate has its origins in the fact that these particles seem to have a dual character (or ‘spurious nature’, cf. Dobrovie-Sorin 1994; Paoli 2003), which makes them similar to a complementiser, located in the C-domain, but at the same time recalls modal particles belonging to the I-domain. The earliest GB approaches to this problematic nature can be grouped according to whether the particle is located in the IP or the C-domain or both. Among these three particles, the position of *să* is the most studied.

Dobrovie-Sorin (1994) argues that *să* is located in C but adjacent to I which leads to feature indexation and consequently the restructuring incorporation of the two heads, which explains the hybrid nature of *să*. The absence of a subject position between *să* and the inflected verb is the result of this restructuring incorporation. Her arguments for locating *să* in C are that the absence of *să* triggers inversion (I-to-C), the fact that *să* precedes clitics (which constitute a boundary with CP), its invariable nature (unlike I-elements), and the fact that *să* can head an embedded clause. Problematic, however, is that *să* can co-occur with other complementisers such as *ca*, because both would have to appear in C (which is coindexed with I). Furthermore, the restructuring incorporation of I and C cannot account for the occurrence of clitic pronouns, negation and clitic adverbs (*mai* ‘still’, *prea* ‘that much’, *și* ‘also’, *cam* ‘a bit’ and *tot* ‘repeatedly’) between *să* and the verb. It also predicts, contrary to fact, that *să* cannot occur with auxiliaries and modals, which are located in I.

On the other hand, Rivero (1994) gives an unified account of the Balkan modal particles, placing them in MoodP (MP) (now often equated with FinP within Rizzi’s (1997) split CP), the highest of the functional heads of the I-domain. This view is adopted by Paoli (2003), Alboiu (2006), Jordan (2009), and Giurgea (2011). Barbosa (1995) proposes a similar account where *să* heads a phrase XP above TP. This account has the advantage that it explains why *să* is not in

complementary distribution with other complementisers (24), but it cannot explain why it can also head a subordinate clause that appears in argument positions, as in (23c).

Adopting a split CP (Rizzi 1997), there are, at least, two possible complementiser positions, namely Fin and Force. Fin is the lowest head of the complementiser domain, which encodes information on finiteness and modality and connects the complementiser domain to the inflectional domain. Therefore, FinP seems a very suitable candidate for these particles with properties related to both the complementiser and inflectional domains. Indeed, FinP has been proposed by various scholars (Stan 2007; Nicolae 2015; Gheorghe et al. 2016). Force can be lexicalised by *ca* or *că*, of which the first one appears whenever the topic-focus field is activated in a *să*-clause. Within this second group of approaches, we need to distinguish the proposal put forward by Hill (2013), who splits the FinP in two positions, *fin1* and *fin2*, where the former encodes finiteness and the latter modality.

With regard to Salentino *cu* and Calabrian *mu*, the two are usually analysed as occupying different positions. This would explain some distributional differences between the two: *cu* never co-occurs with other complementisers or *wh*-words and precedes negation, whereas *mu/mi/ma* does combine with C-elements and follows negation. This has often been explained by arguing that *cu* occupies a higher position, arguably in the C-domain, than *mu/ma/mi*, which would be in the T-domain (see e.g. Ledgeway 1998; Damonte 2011). As with Romanian *să*, this cannot account for the fact that these elements can head purpose clauses. It also incorrectly predicts that no modal or auxiliary can co-occur with *cu* or *mu*.

Finally, in the case of the double complementiser system in USIDs, the generally accepted view, advocated principally by Ledgeway (2003; 2005; 2006; 2016b)<sup>7</sup>, is that, at least underlyingly, the realis complementiser lexicalises Force, whereas the irrealis complementiser occurs in Fin. The realis complementiser is thus expected to precede any left-peripheral element, whereas the irrealis complementiser follows (Ledgeway 2016b:1018–1019). However, the picture is complicated by the fact that many varieties have nowadays generalised one of the two forms, although they continue to mark the difference syntactically through a difference in position of the complementiser with respect to topics and foci (Rohlf 1983; Ledgeway 2009b; Ledgeway 2016b:1019; Ledgeway & Lombardi 2014). In older varieties, the distribution was different, as *che* was generalised as a Force complementiser heading both irrealis and propositional complements, and *ca* introduced propositional complements only in the absence of material in the left periphery (Ledgeway 2003; 2005; 2006; cf. chapter 3§4).

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<sup>7</sup> But see also Poletto (2001), Ledgeway & Lombardi (2005), and D'Alessandro & Ledgeway (2010) for similar proposals in Italian.

## 4.2 Irrealis complementisers lexicalising different positions

A radically different approach to the dual nature of these irrealis complementisers is arguing that they can occupy different positions along the clausal spine: a position within the verbal domain (vP), the inflectional domain (IP) or the complementiser domain (CP), depending on the matrix verb that selects them (Ledgeway 2012b; 2013:n. 6; 2015a:157; Taylor 2014; Squillaci 2016:160–2). This makes them more comparable to the infinitival complementisers *a/à* and *di/de* in Italian and French respectively (cf. Kayne 1999; Cinque 2004:165; Tortora 2014; Ledgeway 2016b:1014–5), which can introduce complements of various sizes, as exemplified for Italian in (25):

- (25) a. *Dichiarò* [<sub>CP</sub> *di* [<sub>IP</sub> *essersi* [<sub>vP</sub> *innamorato*]]].  
 declare.PRET.3SG of be.INF=REFL fallen.in.love  
 ‘He declared that he had fallen in love.’  
 b. *Cercai* [<sub>IP</sub> *di non* [<sub>vP</sub> *sbagliare strada*]].  
 try.PRET.1SG of NEG err.INF street  
 ‘I tried not to take the wrong road.’  
 c. *Lo finimmo* [<sub>vP</sub> *di mangiare*].  
 it=finish.PRET.1PL of eat.INF  
 ‘We finished eating it.’

(It.)

Infinitives do not instantiate one structure: their structure depends on the matrix verb. When selected by a control verb such as *dichiarare* ‘to declare’, the complement is a CP (cf. Landau 2015:12, 17ff., a.o.; *pace* Bošković 1997:chap.2, who argues that control verbs select TPs); with restructuring verbs such as *cercare di* ‘to try’ or *finire di* ‘to finish’ the complement is reduced. The infinitival complementiser is always the same, but it can lexicalise different positions. Infinitival clauses can therefore be considered a ‘spurious’ category or even ‘acategorial’ (cf. Taylor 2014). We can expect similar behaviour for *mu*, *cu* and *să* since they appear where the infinitive would appear in other Romance languages, and thus hypothesise the same possible complement sizes for the Balkan-style subjunctives:

- (26) a. *Speramu* [<sub>CP</sub> *armenu u focu nomm’u ddumanu stasira*].  
 wish.1PL at.least the fire NEG=MU=it light.3PL tonight  
 ‘Let’s hope that they don’t light the bonfire at least tonight.’

(SCal., Squillaci 2016:157)

- b. *Cercu sempri* [<sub>IP</sub> *nommi fumu*].

try.1SG always NEG=MU smoke.1SG

'I always try not to smoke.'

c. *Finiscinu* [<sub>vP</sub> *m'u mbivinu*].

it=finish.3PL MU=it drink.3PL

'They finish drinking it.'

(SCal., Bova Marina (RC))

In a similar manner, it has also been claimed that Serbo-Croatian *da* can occupy three different positions to encode finiteness in C-, T- and v-domains (Todorović & Wurmbrand 2016). Embedded *da*-clauses can be divided into three groups based on their tense properties, which is correlated with their structural size. Tenseless complements are typically selected by restructuring predicates and consist solely of a vP, irrealis future complements are formed of a TP/ModP, and propositional complements are CPs. Serbo-Croatian features the replacement of the infinitive with a finite complementiser as in the other Balkan languages, but unlike the other members of the Balkan *Sprachbund*, this complementiser is the same as the one used with epistemic and declarative verbs (Joseph 1983:149; Rivero & Ralli 2001; Tomić 2006).

Therefore, the hypothesis that will be tested in this chapter is that *che*<sup>8</sup>, *să*, *mu* and *cu* lexicalise a head in the v-domain when subcategorised by root modals and lower aspectual predicates, whereas they encode a T-related head when subcategorised by epistemic/alethic modals, temporal and higher aspectual predicates, and that, finally, *che*, *să*, *mu* and *cu* lexicalise a C-related head when subcategorised by lexical control predicates:

- (27) [Mod<sub>Epistemic/Alethic</sub> **dovere/potere** 'must/can' [Asp<sub>Habitual</sub> **solere** 'to be in the habit of' [Asp<sub>Predispositional</sub> **tendere** 'to tend' [Asp<sub>Repetitive</sub> **tornare** 'to keep' [Mod<sub>Volition</sub> **volere** 'to want' [Asp<sub>Terminative</sub> **smettere** 'to stop' [Asp<sub>Continuative(I)</sub> **continuare** 'to continue' [Asp<sub>Durative/Progressive</sub> **stare** 'to be' [Mod<sub>Obligation/Ability</sub> **dovere/potere** 'must/can' [Asp<sub>Frustrative/Success</sub> **riuscire** 'to succeed' [Mod<sub>Permission</sub> **potere** 'may' [Asp<sub>Conative</sub> **provare** 'to try' [Causative **fare** 'make' [Asp<sub>Inceptive</sub> **cominciare** 'to start' [Asp<sub>Andative</sub> **andare** [Asp<sub>Completive</sub> **finire** 'to finish' [v-VP V...

(Ledgeway & Roberts forthcoming)

Three matrix verbs will be used for testing complement sizes for each variety (USIDs, Salentino, Calabrese and Romanian): 'can', 'to finish' and 'to decide'. The first two are functional verbs: one

<sup>8</sup> Many upper southern Italian dialects feature an irrealis complementiser. With functional predicates such as *finire* and *potere*, however, the infinitive is the only option. Where possible, both the finite and the non-finite complement of *decide* will be taken into account.

high in the hierarchy in (27) and one lower. We therefore expect the aspectual to take a smaller complement than the modal. Finally, the lexical control verb ‘to decide’ is a control verb for which we hypothesise that it selects a full clausal complement (CP).

In the remainder of this chapter, we will test the complement size of these three classes of verbs with various diagnostics, comparing the behaviour of *cu*, *mu*, *che* and *să*. Diagnostics include the tense properties; the possibility of licensing perfective aspect in the embedded clause; the possibility of clitic climbing; the possibility of independent negation of the embedded clause; the possibility of NPIs in the embedded clause being licensed by matrix negation; the presence of *wh*-elements; the possible adverbs in the embedded clause; the presence of an embedded left periphery; compatibility with tough-movement; and finally, the possibility of *wh*-extraction and fronting of the complement clause. In §6, the position of the subject with respect to the subordinating particle will be examined.

## 5. Structural tests

### 5.1 Tense and aspect

Complement clauses divide into different types based on their tense properties. These tense properties correlate with the structural size of the embedded clause, as well as the features on the C-head of the embedded clause. The first type of complement clause is tenseless (or anaphoric), typically reduced (infinitival) complements selected by modals or aspectuals. In this case, the embedded verb is necessarily interpreted as being simultaneous with the event of the verb selecting it:

- (28) a. *Ieri potevo partire (\*domani).*  
           yesterday can.IPFV.1SG leave.INF tomorrow  
           ‘Yesterday I could leave (\*tomorrow).’  
       b. *Ieri iniziai a studiare (\*domani).*  
           yesterday start.PRET.1SG to study.INF tomorrow  
           ‘Yesterday I started studying (\*tomorrow).’

(It.)

The events denoted by the infinitives in (28) can only be interpreted as simultaneous to the verb selecting them. Other reduced (IP) complements which are necessarily interpreted as simultaneous to the matrix verb include ECM and raising constructions (Stowell 1982; Bošković 1997).

When the complement consists of a full CP, there are two possibilities for the tense of the embedded clause: a verb can select for a propositional complement or for an irrealis complement. In the first case, the embedded clause has deictic tense, which is totally independent from the matrix clause:

- (29) a. *Libero disse che Mirella era andata/andava/sarebbe andata*  
 Libero say.PRET.3SG that Mirella be.IMPF.3SG gone/go.IMPF.3SG/be.COND.3SG gone  
*in Olanda.*  
 in Holland  
 'Libero said that Mirella had gone/went/would go to Holland.'
- b. *Libero disse di andare/essere andato in Olanda.*  
 Libero say.PRET.3SG of go.INF/be.INF gone in Holland  
 'Libero said he would go/had gone to Holland.'

(It.)

Instead, when a verb selects for an irrealis complement, typically control verbs, the complement is interpreted as future-oriented and unrealised at the moment expressed by the tense of the matrix verb (cf. Stowell 1982):

- (30) a. *Eleonora decide di leggere un romanzo domani.*  
 Eleonora decide.3SG of read.INF a novel tomorrow  
 'Eleonora decides to read a novel tomorrow.'
- b. *\*Eleonora decide di leggere/aver letto un romanzo ieri.*  
 Eleonora decide.3SG of read.INF/have.INF read a novel yesterday  
 'Eleonora decides to read a novel yesterday.'

(It.)

This same contrast is observable in the following examples, where only the verbs selecting for deictic tense (and the complementiser *ca*, (31a)), but not the ones selecting for anaphoric tense (and the complementiser *che*, (31b)), can feature a deictic tense such as the preterite:

- (31) a. *Saccio / aggiu saputo / sapeva / sapette [ca*  
 know.1SG / have.1SG known / knew.IPFV.1SG / know.PRET.1SG that  
*ve verette a vuje].*  
 you.PL=see.PRET.3SG DOM you.PL  
 'I know/have learnt/knew/learnt that he saw you.'

- b. \**Voglio / aggiu vuluto / vuleva / vulette [che ve*  
 want.1SG/ have.1SG wanted / want.IPFV.1SG /want.PRET.1SG that you.PL=  
*verette a vuje].*  
 he.saw.PRET DOM you.PL  
 ‘I want/wanted that he saw you.’

(Nap., Ledgeway 2000:71)

In Romance, very broadly speaking, anaphoric tense typically corresponds to subjunctive complements, whereas complements with deictic tense are typically indicative.<sup>9</sup>

In Verbicarese, a USID spoken in the province of Cosenza<sup>10</sup>, we see a similar contrast between the functional verbs *fāni* and *putwí*, whose complements need to be simultaneous to the matrix event (32ab). On the other hand, a control verb as *decide* selects a complement that is located in the future with respect to the matrix verb, independently of whether the complement is infinitival (32c) or finite (32d):

- (32) a. \**Ijərə ajə pututə jì a Nnapələ krajə.*  
 yesterday have.1SG could go.INF to Naples tomorrow  
 ‘Yesterday I could go to Naples tomorrow.’  
 b. \**Ijərə ajə fānitə i leggə krajə.*  
 yesterday have.1SG finished of read.INF tomorrow  
 ‘Yesterday I have finished reading tomorrow.’  
 c. *ijərə m’ajə cumbwinda i jì a Nnapələ krajə.*  
 yesterday REFL=have.1SG convinced of go.INF to Naples tomorrow  
 ‘Yesterday I have decided to go to Naples tomorrow.’  
 d. *Maria s’a cumbwinda cchə Vvitə adda jji a Nnapələ krajə.*  
 Maria REFL=have.3SG convinced that Vito have.to.3SG go.INF to Naples tomorrow  
 ‘Maria has decided that Vito has to go to Naples tomorrow.’

(USIDs, Verbicaro (CS))

This shows us the complement of *decide* has to have a CP; the others may be reduced.

In addition, we can use the grammaticality of perfective auxiliaries as a test, as only complements that include the functional head Aspect/TP can include a perfective auxiliary. If the

<sup>9</sup> There are many exceptions to this broad generalisation, e.g. the verb *credere* ‘believe’ in Italian, which selects deictic subjunctive complements.

<sup>10</sup> Verbicaro is located in the *Zwischenzone* of the Lausberg area (Lausberg 1939; Loporcaro & Silvestri 2011).

complement is the size of a vP, the Aspect head is not projected and the perfective auxiliary should not be grammatical. The complement to the functional verbs cannot contain a perfective auxiliary:

- (33) a. \**Po non aví capită.*  
           be.able.3SG NEG have.INF understood  
           ‘He can not have understood.’
- b. \**Finisc i aví fattă i purpuetta.*  
           finish.3SG of have.INF made the meatballs  
           ‘I finish having made the meatballs.’
- c. \**Vită să pensa cchă avivămă finită kraja.*  
           Vito REFL=think.3SG that have.1PL finished tomorrow  
           ‘Vito expects us to have finished tomorrow.’

(USIDs, Verbicaro (CS))

The aspect properties do not show us a difference between the two functional verbs on the one hand and the lexical control verb *decide* on the other, as they select for a simultaneous and irrealis complement, respectively.

Applying these tests to Romanian, we immediately note that the verb in a subjunctive complement in Romanian is always morphologically marked for present tense; imperfective forms are ruled out. This is a ‘fake’ tense, as the interpretation is not necessarily present. There exists a perfect subjunctive, which however marks perfective aspect rather than tense. This is purely a morphological constraint, however, and it is not representative of the syntactic or semantic tense of the clause, which can still be tested by inserting a temporal adverb in the embedded clause:

- (34) a. \**Astăzi pot să plec mâine.*  
           today be.able.1SG SA leave.SBJV.1SG tomorrow  
           ‘Today I can leave tomorrow.’
- b. \**Am început să învăț româna mâine.*  
           have.1SG begun SA learn.SBJV.1SG Romanian tomorrow  
           ‘I have started studying Romanian tomorrow.’
- c. *Am decis să plecăm mâine.*  
           have.1SG decided SA leave.SBJV.1SG tomorrow  
           ‘We have decided to leave tomorrow.’
- d. *Mi-a spus să plec mâine.*  
           to.me=have.3SG told SA leave.SBJV.1SG tomorrow

'S/he told me to leave tomorrow.'

(Ro.)

As expected, (34) show that the complements of modals and aspectuals do not have independent tense as the embedded event needs to be simultaneous to the matrix event. Future-oriented verbs such as the ones in (34c,d) on the other hand, allow for a different tense interpretation of the embedded clause, as it can appear with the adverb *mâine* 'tomorrow' whereas the matrix verb is in the past tense. There is thus a difference in the tense properties of the complement to modal and aspectual verbs on the one hand and control verbs on the other. This indicates that the latter contain CPs, whereas the complement to modals and aspectual verbs are reduced.

This conclusion is however not entirely confirmed by the distribution of perfective auxiliaries. In Romanian, only a *să*-complement to an aspectual verb cannot embed a perfective auxiliary:

- (35) a. \*Încep/termin/continui      *să nu fi înțeles.*  
 start.1SG/finish.1SG/continue.1SG SA NEG be.INF understood  
 'I start/finish/continue not having understood.'
- b. *Pot să nu fi înțeles.*  
 be.able.1SG SA NEG be.INF understood  
 'I can not have understood/It is possible I did not understand.'
- c. *Dacă ai văzut filmul, nu se poate să nu fi rămas impresionat.*  
 if have.2SG seen film.DET NEG REFL=be.able.3SG SA not be.INF remained impressed  
 'If you have seen the film, you cannot not be impressed.'
- d. *Ion se așteaptă de la noi să fi rezolvat problema până mâine.*  
 Ion REFL=expect.3SG from at us SA be.INF resolved problem.DET until tomorrow  
 'Ion expects us to have solved the problem by tomorrow.'

(Ro.)

The auxiliary is not available with aspectual verbs, but this could be due as much to semantic incompatibility as to the absence of the Aspect head. The grammaticality of an auxiliary in the complement to the modal and lexical control verbs shows that the Aspect head is present in these complements.

As in Romanian, in southern Calabrian and Northeastern Sicilian, the complement contains a verb that is morphologically marked as present tense.<sup>11</sup> The sequence-of-tense rule (*consecutio temporum*), which normally applies to Romance, is thus not respected in this type of complement clause (Lombardi 1998:618):

- (36) a. *Passai senza mi ti viju.*  
 pass.PRET.2SG without MU you=see.1SG  
 'You passed without me seeing you.'
- b. *Volia pe mi si spusa.*  
 want.IPFV.3SG for=MU REFL=marry.3SG  
 'He wanted to get married.'
- c. *Non facia autru ca mi ciangi.*  
 NEG do.IPFV.3SG other than MU cry.3SG  
 'S/he did nothing but cry.'

(SCal., Roberts & Roussou 2003:92)

However, this does not mean that *syntactic/semantic* tense is always present/coreferential. In fact, in southern Calabrian/Bovesese, with verbs of necessity and volition, the embedded clause can contain a perfective auxiliary (Squillaci 2016:142-3):

- (37) *Voliva megghiu m'eranu venutu oji.*  
 want.IPFV.1SG better MU be.IPFV.3PL arrived today  
 'I would have preferred if they had arrived today.'

(SCal., Bova Marina (RC), Squillaci 2016:142)

- (38) *\*Vinneru mi eranu ballatu ajeri.*  
 come.PRET.3PL MU be.IPF.3PL danced yesterday  
 'They came so that they had danced yesterday.'

<sup>11</sup> There are however some exceptions to this generalisation in both Calabria and Sicily: in the dialect of Gizzeria, and S. Marco d'Alunzio (ME), we also find verb forms in the imperfect (Manzini & Savoia 2005: 652):

- (i) [vɔlia mu u camava]  
 want.IPFV.1SG MU him=call.IPFV.3SG  
 'I wanted that he called him.'

(SCal., Gizzeria (CZ), (Manzini & Savoia 2005:664)

- (ii) [ti rissi m u fa'jjevi]  
 to.you=said.PRET.1SG MU it=do.IPFV.2SG  
 'I told you to do it.'

(SCal., S. Marco d'Alunzio (ME), (Manzini & Savoia 2005:665)

These varieties arguably belong to transitional areas, cf. chap.3§3.5.7

(SCal., Bova Marina (RC), Squillaci 2016:142)

This shows that at least these *mu*-complements project the aspectual heads in their functional structure. The ungrammaticality of perfective auxiliaries in control verbs can be explained by semantic constraints due to their necessary interpretation as ‘unrealised future’. The ungrammaticality of perfective auxiliaries with modal verbs could be explained if we assume that these complements are reduced.

Also in Salentino, the embedded verb has the morphological present tense form, independently of the tense of the matrix clause:

- (39) a. *Oyyu la Maria ku bbae ddai mprima.*  
 want.1SG the Maria CU come.3SG there before  
 ‘I want Maria to go there before.’  
 b. *\*Ulia la Maria ku ffiu ddai mprima.*  
 want.IPFV.1SG the Maria CU go.PST.3SG there before  
 ‘I wanted Maria to go there before.’

(Sal., Campi Salentina (LE), Calabrese 1992:278)

The present perfect may however be used to signal aspectual differences. The perfect indicates that the action has been completed at the reference time, which is provided by the matrix predicate, whereas an embedded verb in the present tense indicates that the two events expressed by the matrix and the embedded verb are taking place at the same time. This is exemplified in the Salentino sentence in (40):

- (40) *Ulia la Maria ku bbae/ia ffiuta ddai mprima.*  
 want.IPFV.1SG the Maria CU go.3SG/have.3SG gone there before  
 ‘I wanted Maria to go/have gone there before.’

(Sal., Campi Salentina (LE), Calabrese 1992:278)

In Salentino, perfective aspect is impossible with modals in general:

- (41) *\*Putia ire fattu ste cose l'autru giurnu.*  
 can.IPFV.3SG have.INF done these things the=other day  
 ‘He could have done these things the other day.’

(Sal., Campi Salentina (LE), Calabrese 1992:270)

Perfective auxiliaries are thus only possible in complements to lexical control verbs. This test differentiates the functional from the lexical complements in Salentino.

## 5.2 Clitic climbing

Clitic climbing is a frequently-used test for restructuring (Rizzi 1982; Cinque 2004). Nevertheless, it might not be a decisive test for restructuring as the absence of clitic climbing does not necessarily imply the absence of restructuring (Cinque 2004:150; Cinque 2006). However, if clitic climbing occurs, in Italian this means that restructuring has taken place, because other restructuring-related phenomena necessarily apply, such as auxiliary switch (Rizzi 1982:21):<sup>12</sup>

(42) *Ho dovuto / Sono dovuta andarci.*

have.1SG had.to / be.1SG had.to.FSG go.INF=LOC

(43) *Ci sono dovuta /\*ho dovuto andare.*

LOC= be.1SG had.to.FSG / have.1SG had.to go.INF

‘I had to go there.’

(It.)

We will therefore assume that the possibility of clitic climbing corresponds to a reduced complement, but its absence does not necessarily indicate that the complement is *not* reduced.

In Verbicarese, clitic climbing is only possible with functional verbs, such as *potere* and *finire* (44); with the latter one, it is however not obligatory, as it is with *potere*. The lexical verb *decidere* never allows clitic climbing out of its complement, independently of whether this is a finite or non-finite complement (45):

(44) a. *U puozzə leggə. / \*puozzə u leggə.*

it=can.1SG read.INF/ can.1SG it=read.INF

‘I can read it.’

b. *U finiscə i leggə. / ?finiscə d’u leggə.*

it=finish.1SG of read.INF / finish.1SG of it=read.INF

‘I finish reading it.’

(USIDs, Verbicaro (CS))

(45) a. *Mə cumvingə d’u leggə / \*m’u cumvingə i leggə.*

<sup>12</sup> Although Cinque (2006:29–30) admits that also in these cases ‘the evidence of the obligatoriness of clitic climbing is less solid than it appears.’

REFL=convince.1SG of=it=read.INF/ REFL=it=convince.1SG of read.INF

'I decide to read it.'

- b. *Mă cumvingă cch'u leggă. / \*m'u cumvingă cchă lleggă.*  
 REFL=convince.1SG that it= read.1SG / REFL=it=convince.1SG that read.1SG  
 'I decide to read it.'

(USIDs, Verbicaro (CS))

We can therefore conclude from the impossibility of clitic climbing that *dăcidă* selects a CP-sized complement; whereas the verbs *făni* (optionally)<sup>13</sup> and *putwi* select reduced complements and hence allow clitic climbing.

At first glance, the impossibility of clitic climbing does not seem to differentiate between complement types in Romanian. According to prescriptive grammars, it is always blocked by the presence of *să*, independently of the verb selecting the subjunctive (see (46) and (47)). The phenomenon itself is not absent from the language, as it is obligatory with infinitival complements to *a putea* 'to be able' (48)(49):

- (46) a. *Pot să îl citesc*  
 can.1SG SA=it read.SBJV.1SG  
 b. *\*Îl pot să citesc.*  
 it=can.1SG SA read.SBJV.1SG  
 'I can read it.'

(Ro., Nicolae 2016:17)

- (47) a. *Maria încearcă să o scrie.*  
 Maria try.3SG SA=it write.SBJV.3SG  
 b. *\*Maria o încearcă să scrie*  
 Maria it=try.3SG SA write.SBJV.3SG  
 'Maria tries to write it.'

(Ro., Terzi 1996:277)

- (48) a. *Îl poţi citi.*  
 it=can.2SG read.INF  
 b. *\*Poţi îl citi.*  
 can.2SG it=read.INF

<sup>13</sup> It is not immediately clear why clitic climbing would be optional with *făni*. When the clitic is left below, the complement has a slight 'future'-interpretation (Silvestri, p.c.).

'You can read it.'

(Ro., Nicolae 2016:13)

- (49) a. *Se poate citi aici.*

REFL= can.3SG read.INF here

- b. *\*Poate se citi aici.*

can.3SG REFL=read.INF here

'It can be read here.'

(Ro., Nicolae 2016:13)

Clitic climbing does not prove helpful to establish the structural size of subjunctive clauses in Romanian. However, Ledgeway (2016c) reports various examples from colloquial Romanian, where clitics can climb out of an embedded clause (often involving multiple spell-out with the clitic also realised in the embedded clause), when it is selected by functional (50) but, crucially, not by lexical verbs (51):

- (50) a. *Pe care o vrei să citești?*

DOM which it=want.2SG SA read.SBJV.2SG

'Which do you want to read?'

- b. *Le e teamă că o vreau s-o abandonez.*

to.them be.3SG fear that her=want.1SG SA=her leave.SBJV.1SG

'They are afraid that I want to leave her.'

- c. *Îi continui să mănânci.*

them=continue.2SG SA eat.SBJV.2SG

'You continue to eat them.'

- d. *Inima aproape îi încetează să bată.*

heart.DET almost him=stop.3SG SA beat.SBJV.3SG

'His heart almost stopped beating.'

(Ro., Ledgeway 2016c:8)

- (51) a. *A refuzat(\*-o) să o citească.*

has refused(=it) SA it=read.SBJV.3SG

'S/he have.3SG refused to read it.'

- b. *(\*Ne-) a promis să ne sune mai târziu.<sup>14</sup>*

<sup>14</sup> This example would be grammatical if the *ne* 'to us' was interpreted as an argument of the main verb.

to.us=have.3SG promised SA=us calls.SBJV more late

‘S/he has promised to call us later.’

- c. *Unii dintre admiratorii lor (\*le) sperau să le vadă împreună.*  
 some among admirers them.GEN them=hope.IMPF.3PL SA=them see.SBJV.3SG together  
 ‘Some of their admirers hoped to see them together.’

(Ro., Ledgeway 2016c:8)

This test shows that there is a difference between the complements selected by functional verbs and by lexical verbs. Only the former ones can show restructuring effects.

Even if clitic climbing might not be the right diagnostic for complement size, the fact that the preverbal clitic position is grammatical in all types of *să*-complements indicates the presence of a functional layer that can host these clitics. Usually, the preverbal clitic position in Romance is located within the I-domain. An alternative analysis here would be the clitic position in the *v*-domain (Ledgeway & Lombardi 2005). In Romanian, we can tease these two apart by forming a sentence with *să* with both an accusative feminine clitic *o* ‘her, it’, which can appear in postverbal position, and a higher clitic, appearing in the I-domain:

- (52) a. *Puteam să-i fi zis-o lui Ion.*  
 be.able.IPFV.1SG SA=to.him be.INF said=it DAT Ion  
 ‘I could have said it to Ion.’  
 b. *Aş vrea să(-o) fi înţeles(-o).*  
 AUX.COND.1SG want.INF SA be.INF understood=it  
 ‘I would like to have understood it.’  
 c. *Aş vrea să-i(-o) fi zis(-o) lui Ion.*  
 AUX.COND.1SG want.INF SA=to.him be.INF said=it DAT Ion  
 ‘I would like to have said it to Ion.’

(Ro.)

When these two clitics co-occur, only the dative clitic appears preverbally, whereas the accusative clitic appears postverbally. This latter position is usually analysed as a VP-related position (Ledgeway 2016c). The fact that both the IP-related and the *v*P-related clitics can co-occur in their normal positions shows that the complements feature the I-domain and *v*P-domain, even when they are selected by a modal.

For southern Calabrian it is also generally reported that clitic climbing is not possible out of a subjunctive complement as it is blocked by *mu*:

- (53) *(\*U) ncumencianu/finiscinu mi mbivinu*

(it=) start.3PL/finish.3PL MU it=drink.3PL

‘They start/finish drinking it.’

(SCal., Bova Marina (RC), Squillaci 2016:106)

However, as in Romanian, in Bovesese, reduplication of the clitic in the matrix clause, even though it is an argument of the embedded clause, is possible with functional verbs, but crucially not with lexical control verbs:

(54) a. (U) *provu m’u fazzu.*

it=try.1SG MU=it do.1SG

b. (U) *pozzu m’u fazzu.*

it=can.1SG MU=it do.1SG

c. \*(U) *decidu m’u fazzu.*

it=decide.1SG MU=it do.1SG

(SCal., Bova Marina (RC))

(55) ?u *ncumencianu/finiscinu m’u mbivinu.*

(it=)start.3PL /finish.3PL MU=it=drink.3PL

‘They start drinking it.’

(SCal., Bova Marina (RC), Squillaci 2016:105–6)

Similar examples involving clitic reduplication in the matrix clause are reported for other varieties:

(56) a. u *poi m(i) u cami.*

him=can.2SG MU him=call.2SG

‘You can call him.’

(SCal., S. Agata del Bianco (RC), Manzini & Savoia 2011:III: 388)

b. A *vuliva mi s-a vendi.*

it want.IMP.3SG MU REFL=it sell.3SG

‘S/he wanted to sell it.’

(SCal., Mèlito di Porto Salvo (RC), De Angelis 2017:11)

This shows that in varieties such as Bovesese, in some complements, *mu* does not block clitic climbing. This is only the case for restructuring verbs or aspectuals, but not control verbs such as *decidia* ‘I decide’, which according to our hypothesis, select a full clausal complement. Like

Romanian, the (im)possibility of clitic doubling in the matrix clause divides the *mu*-complements into two groups.

Finally, in Salentino, clitic climbing is generally not allowed out of *cu*-clauses. However, in the Northern Salentino dialects, in case of *cu*-drop, clitic climbing does occur. In southern Salentino dialects, on the other hand, it never does (Ledgeway 2015: 149).

(57) a. *Lu voli ssapi.*

it=want.3SG know.3SG

'He wants to know it.'

(Sal., Mesagne (BR), Ledgeway 2015: 149)

b. *(\*lu) ole llu sape.*

it=want.3SG it=know.3SG

'S/he wants to know it.'

(Sal., Martino (LE), Ledgeway 2015: 149)

This leads Ledgeway (2012, 2015) to argue for two different analyses of *cu*-drop: in case of the central-southern Salentino dialects, there is a silent *cu* (viz. *CU*) underlyingly, whereas in northern Salentino dialects the whole CP-layer is absent. In this latter case there is no C-head blocking clitic climbing, resulting in the obligatory climbing of the clitic to the matrix verb. However, when there is a silent *CU*, clitic climbing is blocked by the presence of a C-head (albeit phonologically empty). Crucially, in the northern Salentino varieties, *cu*-drop (and thus clitic climbing) can only occur when there is coreferentiality between the two subjects, and it is especially frequent with the verb *volere* 'to want' (Ledgeway 2012b:467):

(58) a. *Ce bbuei (cu) ddici?*

what want.2SG CU say.2SG

'What do you want to say?'

b. *Ce bbuei \*(cu) ddicu?*

what want.2SG CU say.1SG

'What do you want me to say?'

(Sal., Cellino San Marco (BR), Ledgeway 2012b:461)

These are reduced complements lacking the CP-layer (cf. Italian *volere* which can be a restructuring verb), so, in Salentino as well, clitic climbing sets apart *cu*-clauses following functional verbs from *cu*-clauses selected by lexical control verbs.

In conclusion, although the absence of clitic climbing does not provide any conclusive evidence about the status of the complement, the possibility of clitic climbing indicates a reduced

complement. In Salentino, Romanian, and southern Calabrian, clitic climbing (/doubling) is indeed only allowed with functional verbs, and never with lexical verbs, which is in line with our hypothesis that these complements are not full CPs.

### 5.3 Independent negation

The possibility of independent negation of the embedded clause can be used as a test for the size of the complement clause. Negation is normally realised in the I-domain (Belletti 1990; Zanuttini 1997a; Ledgeway 2000:168–9) and cannot be lexicalised if the complement is reduced:

- (59) a. #*Voglio non vedere il film.*<sup>15</sup>  
           want.1SG   NEG   see.INF   the movie  
           Intended ‘I don’t want to see the movie.’  
       b. *Non voglio vedere il film.*  
           NEG   want.1SG   see.INF   the movie  
           ‘I do not want to see the movie.’

(It.)

- (60) a. *Ammise di non capire.*  
           admit.PRET.3SG of NEG understand.INF  
           ‘S/he admitted s/he did not understand.’  
       b. *Non ammise di capire.*  
           NEG admit.PRET.3SG   of understand.INF  
           ‘S/he did not admit s/he understood.’  
       c. *Non ammise di non capire.*  
           NEG admit.PRET.3SG   of NEG understand.INF  
           ‘S/he did not admit s/he did not understand.’

(It.)

As shown in the Italian examples in (59), with a reduced complement such as (59a), the negation is necessarily realised in the matrix clause and takes scope over the whole verbal complex. Instead, in case of a verb selecting a full verbal complement (CP), such as *ammettere* ‘to admit’ in (60), there are two possible positions for negation, one in the matrix clause, taking scope over the matrix event (60b); and one in the embedded clause, taking scope over the embedded

<sup>15</sup> This is grammatical however under a contrastive reading of the complement.

verb (60a). In fact, both can be realised at the same time (60c). Independent negation can therefore be used as a diagnostic for complement size.

In Verbicarese, the complement of all three verbs under examination (*decide*, *fānì* and *putwī*) can be negated:

- (61) a. *M'ajə cumbwinda i no bbwivə cchiù.*  
 REFL=have.1SG convinced of NEG drink.INF anymore  
 'I have decided to not drink anymore.'
- b. *Maria s'a cumbwinda cchə Vvitə non adda jì a Nnapələ.*  
 Maria REFL=have.3SG convinced that Vito NEG have.to.3SG go.INF to Naples.  
 'Maria has decided that Vito should not go to Naples.'
- c. *Putera no jji alla festa.*  
 can.COND.1SG NEG go.INF to.the party  
 'I could not go to the party.'
- d. *Finiscə i non fa nentə.*  
 finish.1SG of NEG do.INF nothing  
 'I stop not doing anything.'
- e. *Ajə cumingiatə a non ce capiscə cchiù nnwentə.*  
 have.1SG begun to NEG LOC=understand.INF anymore nothing  
 'I have begun to not understand anything anymore.'

(USIDs, Verbicaro (CS))

This test therefore does not yield a strong contrast between the complements to the different verb types, as it shows that a NegP is projected in all three complements.

In Romanian, independent negation is possible in all types of embedded subjunctive clauses (62-4), which seems to indicate that there is a NegP in all of these complements. In fact, two clausal negators can co-occur, one in the matrix and one in the embedded clause, as in (63-64) (Nicolae 2016: 17):

- (62) a. *Cum pot să nu mai urmăresc activitățile cuiva?*  
 how can.1SG SA NEG anymore follow.SBJV.1SG activities.DET someone.GEN  
 'How can I not follow someone's activities any longer?'
- b. *Pot să nu fiu de acord cu Mircea Badea.*  
 can.1SG SA NEG be.SBJV.1SG of agreement with Mircea Badea  
 'I can disagree with Mircea Badea.'
- c. *Fata e talentată și știe să nu fie, niciodată, banală.*  
 girl.DET be.3SG talented and know.3SG SA NEG is.SBJV never banal

'The girl is talented and knows how to never be boring.'

(Ro., examples via Google)

- (63) *Nu pot să nu citesc.*  
 NEG can.1SG SA not read.SBJV.1SG  
 'I cannot not read.'

(Ro., Nicolae 2016:17)

- (64) a. *Nu am continuat să gatesc.*  
 NEG have.1SG continued SA cook.SBJV.1SG  
 'I have not continued cooking.'
- b. *Am continuat să nu gatesc.*  
 have.1SG continued SA NEG cook.SBJV.1SG  
 'I have continued not to cook.'
- c. *Nu am continuat să nu gatesc.*  
 NEG have.1SG continued SA NEG cook.SBJV.1SG  
 'I have not continued not to cook.'

(Ro., Alexiadou et al. 2012:92)

The fact that all types of complements (to modals, aspectuals and control verbs) allow independent negation shows us that in all types the Neg head is projected.

In the Calabrian variety of Nicotera, the grammaticality of independent negation shows a contrast between complement types: not all *mu*-selecting predicates allow for an independently negated complement. Auxiliaries and aspectuals do not allow for a negative *mu*-complement:

- (65) a. *\*Finisci nommu fuma sigaretti.*  
 finish.3SG NEG=MU smoke.3SG cigarettes  
 'S/he finishes not smoking cigarettes.'
- b. *\*Continua nommu scrivi.*  
 continue.3SG NEG=MU write.3SG  
 'S/he continues not to write.'
- c. *\*Cuminicia nommu scrivi u libru.*  
 start.3SG NEG=MU write.3SG the book  
 'S/he starts not to write.'
- d. *\*Avi nommu scrivi.*  
 have.3SG NEG=MU write.3SG  
 'S/he must not write.'

- e. \**Prova nommu scrivi.*  
 try.3SG NEG=MU write.3SG  
 'S/he tries not to write.'

(SCal., Taylor 2014:196)

On the other hand, our Calabrian informant from Bova accepts negation in all types of complements:

- (66) a. *Cercu sempri non mi fumu.*  
 try.1SG always NEG MU smoke.1SG  
 'I always try not to smoke.'
- b. *Decidia non mi fumu chiù.*  
 decide.IMPF.1SG NEG=MU smoke.1SG anymore  
 'I decided not to smoke anymore.'
- c. *Pozzu non mi vaiu a festa.*  
 can.1SG NEG=MU go.1SG to party  
 'I can not go to the party.'

(SCal., Bova Marina (RC))

Both clauses can also be negated, as in these examples of a modal or aspectual selecting the *mu*-complement:

- (67) *Non pozzu non mi nci'u dicu a me maritu.*  
 NEG can.1SG NEG=MU to.him=it=I.say to my husband  
 'I cannot not tell my husband.'

(SCal., Bova Marina (RC))

- (68) *Non ncuminciai non mi lu mbivu lu latti.*  
 NEG start.PRET.1SG NEG=MU it=drink.1SG the milk  
 'I did not start not drinking the milk.'

(SCal., Bova Marina (RC), Squillaci 2016:116)

We can therefore conclude that there is a NegP present in all *mu*-clauses in Bovesese, but not in Nicoterese.

Salentino patterns like Verbicarese, Romanian and Bovesese in that negation is possible not only in complement clauses introduced by *cu* in case of conatives and control verbs, but also with modals:

- (69) a. *Decidu cu nu fumu cchiui.*  
 decide.1SG CU NEG smoke.1SG anymore  
 'I decide not to smoke anymore.'
- b. *Nu possu cu no dicu nenzi a maritama.*  
 not can.1SG CU NEG say.1SG nothing to husband=my  
 'I cannot say nothing to my husband.'
- c. *La spicci cu nu mme siènti?*  
 it=stop.2SG CU NEG me=hear.2SG  
 'Can you stop not listening to me?'

(Sal., Lequile (LE))

This seems to indicate that all *cu*-complements have a NegP within their functional structure.

Cinque (1999:121), basing himself partly on Zanuttini's (1997a) work, argues that there are several functional heads which can host negation in the lower parts of the inflectional domain, and that languages can vary in which they realise with some languages being able to lexicalise more of them. This seems to be the case in our data. Some complements do allow negation to appear in complements to restructuring verbs such as aspectual verbs. The variation witnessed across the four varieties studied here might be due to the availability or unavailability of these lower negation-related heads, and can be explained as a case of (micro)parametric variation.

#### 5.4 NPI licensing

Negative polarity items are negative elements that need to be licensed by another negative element, typically the main negator of the clause. This licensing is often thought to be impossible across CPs, as it is blocked by the presence of a C-head. NPI licensing can therefore be used as a test for complement size: if the NPI cannot be licensed by the matrix negator, this might possibly indicate the presence of a C-head.

In Verbicarese, the NPI element can only be licensed by the higher negation, the lower negation is unavailable in case of *putwí* 'can' and *finì* 'finish':

- (70) *Non pozzə vi a nnisciunə.*  
 NEG can.1SG see.INF DOM nobody  
 'I cannot see anyone.'

(USIDs, Verbicaro (CS))

- (71) *Non fənisca i (\*non) leggə nentə.*

NEG finish.1SG of NEG read.INF nothing  
 'I finish not reading anything.'

(USIDs, Verbicaro (CS))

With the control verb *cumbwingə*, the situation is different. The negator can marginally be located in the embedded clause, as in (72a). It can also be located in the matrix clause (72b). Both clauses can also be negated, yielding double negation (72c):

- (72) a. *M'ajə cumbwinda i no bbwī a nuddə.*  
 REFL=have.1SG convinced of NEG see.INF DOM nobody  
 'I have decided to not seen anyone.'
- b. ??*No m'ajə cumbwinda i vi a nnuddə.*  
 NEG REFL=have.1SG convinced of see.INF DOM nobody  
 'I have not decide to see anyone.'
- c. *No m'ajə cumbwinda i no bbwī a nnuddə.*  
 NEG REFL=have.1SG convinced of NEG see.INF DOM nobody  
 'I have not decided to see nobody.'

(USIDs, Verbicaro (CS))

This means that there is a Neg position available in the embedded clause, but that an NPI element can also marginally be licensed by a negator in the matrix clause.

In case of the finite complement, which we expect to be a CP, the negator cannot raise to the matrix clause:

- (73) *No m'ajə cumbwinda cchə \*(nno) bbwighə a nnuddə.*  
 NEG REFL= have.1SG convinced that NEG see.1SG DOM nobody  
 'I have not decided that I should not see anyone.'

(USIDs, Verbicaro (CS))

Also in Romanian, negative polarity items (NPIs) need to be licensed by the negator *nu* 'not'. The following examples show that not all *să*-clauses behave the same with respect to NPI licensing:

- (74) a. *Nu vreau să văd pe nimeni.*  
 NEG want.1SG SA see.SBJV.1SG DOM nobody
- b. *Vreau să nu văd pe nimeni.*  
 want.1SG SA NEG see. SBJV.1SG DOM nobody

'I do not want to see anybody.'

(Ro.)

- (75) a. *Nu încep să citesc nimic.*  
 NEG=start.1SG SA read.SBJV.1SG nothing  
 b. *Încep să nu citesc nimic.*  
 start.1SG SA NEG read.SBJV.1SG anything  
 'I start not to read anything.'

(Ro.)

- (76) a. *Nu încerc să fac pe nimeni să se simtă prost.*  
 NEG try.1SG SA make.SBJV.1SG DOM anybody SA REFL=feel.SBVJ.3SG stupid  
 b. *Încerc să nu fac pe nimeni să se simtă prost.*  
 try.1SG SA NEG make.SBJV.1SG DOM anybody SA REFL=feel.SBVJ.3SG stupid  
 'I try not to make anyone feel stupid.'

(Ro.)

- (77) a. *\*N-am ales să vorbesc cu nimeni.*  
 NEG have.1SG decided SA speak.SBJV.1SG with nobody  
 b. *Am ales să nu vorbesc cu nimeni.*  
 have.1SG decided SA NEG speak.SBJV.1SG with nobody  
 'I have decided not to speak with anybody.'

(Ro.)

- (78) a. *\*Nu mi-a spus să vorbesc cu nimeni despre asta.*  
 NEG to.me=have.3SG said SA speak.SBJV.1SG with nobody about this  
 b. *Mi-a spus să nu vorbesc cu nimeni despre asta.*  
 to.me=have.3SG said SA NEG speak.SBJV.1SG with nobody about this  
 'He told me not to speak with anybody about this.'

(Ro.)

- (79) a. *\*Doctorul nu mi-a spus să mănânc nimic.*  
 doctor.DET NEG to.me= have.3SG said SA eat.SBJV.1SG nothing  
 b. *Doctorul mi-a spus să nu mănânc nimic.*  
 doctor.DET to.me=have.3SG said SA NEG eat.SBJV.1SG nothing  
 'The doctor told me to eat nothing.'

(Ro.)

In (74)-(76), the embedded NPI can (but need not) be licensed by the negation in the matrix clause. This is however not possible with the control verbs in (77)-(79). This test shows a contrast between (CP) complements of control verbs on the one hand and the reduced complements on the other. This can be explained by assuming that there is a CP in the embedded clause in the case of control verbs, but not in the case of modals.

In southern Calabrian, licensing of NPIs is possible for a negator outside the embedded clause with complement modals (80), desiderative verbs (81)-(82) and object control verbs (83):

- (80) *'On ponnu u m'û vidanu 'e nenta*  
 NEG can.3PL MU=him see.3PL of nothing  
 'They cannot stand him at all.'

(SCal., Chillà &amp; Citraro 2012:137)

- (81) a. *Non vogghiu mi viu a nuddu.*  
 NEG want.1SG MU see.1SG DOM nobody  
 b. *Vogghiu non mi viu a nuddu.*  
 want.1SG NEG=MU see.1SG DOM nobody  
 'I don't want to see anybody.'

(SCal., Bova Marina (RC))

- (82) *Non vogghiu mi faci nenti.*  
 NEG want.1SG MU do.3SG nothing  
 'I do not want him to do anything.'

(SCal., Bova Marina (RC))

- (83) a. *U medicu mi dissì non mi mangiu nenti.*  
 the doctor to.me=say.PRET.3SG NEG MU eat.1SG nothing  
 b. *\*U medicu no mi dissì mi mangiu nenti.*  
 the doctor NEG to.me=say.PRET.3SG MU eat.1SG nothing  
 'The doctor told me not to eat anything.'

(SCal., Bova Marina (RC))

This test shows a contrast between modal/restructuring verbs on the one hand and lexical control verbs on the other. However, the non-restructured future-oriented complement of *volere* 'want' does allow non-raising also when the two subjects do not coincide. The contrast between the

complement types (reduced and non-reduced) as highlighted by this test is thus not very sharp. It seems that lexical factors are at play, as in Standard Italian where some lexical control verbs still allow NPI licensing between the complement and matrix clause (Manzotti & Rigamonti 2001).

In Salentino, NPI licensing is possible with restructuring verbs such as *volere*, but not with control verbs such as *decidu* 'I decide':

- (84) *Nu bbògghiu cu mmangiu nienzi.*  
 NEG want.1SG CU eat.1SG nothing  
 'I do not want to eat anything.'

- (85) a. *\*Nu decidu cu mangiu nenzi.*  
 NEG decide.1SG CU eat.1SG nothing  
 b. *Decidu cu nu mangiu nenzi.*  
 decide.1SG CU NEG eat.1SG nothing  
 'I decide not to eat anything.'

(Sal., Lequile (LE))

Other object control verbs, however, do allow Neg-raising:

- (86) a. *Lu tutture mave tittu cu nu mangiu nenzi.*  
 the doctor to.me=have.3SG said CU NEG eat.1SG nothing  
 'The doctor told me not to eat anything.'  
 b. *Lu tutture nu ma tittu cu nu mangiu nenzi.*  
 the doctor NEG to.me= have.3SG said CU NEG eat.1SG nothing  
 'The doctor did not tell me to eat nothing.'  
 c. *?Lu tutture nu ma tittu cu mangiu nenzi.*  
 the doctor NEG me= have.3SG said CU eat.1SG nothing  
 'The doctor did not tell me to eat anything.'

(Sal., Lequile (LE))

The fact that the NPIs can be licensed across clause-boundaries seems to indicate that the embedded clause introduced by *cu* is not headed by a C head lexicalising Force in all cases of control verbs. The contrast, as in Romanian, is not very sharp.

5.5 *Wh*-elements

If there is a C-domain present in the complement clause, we expect there to be a possible intermediate landing site for *wh*-elements that can combine with *să*. Alboiu (2006) argues that the possibility of having a *wh*-clause differentiates types of *să*-complements. With aspectuals (87), there is no intermediate landing site for *wh*-elements. For modals (88)-(89), the situation seems to be the same:

- (87) a. *Ce va începe Mihai să cânte?*  
 what AUX.FUT.3SG begin.INF Mihai SA sing.SBJV.3SG  
 b. *#Mihai va începe (\*ce) să cânte?*  
 Mihai AUX.FUT.3SG begin.INF (what) SA sing.SBJV.3SG  
 'What will Mihai start to sing?'

(Ro., adapted from Alboiu 2006:20)

- (88) a. *Ce poate Radu să mănânce?*  
 what can.3SG Radu SA eat.SBJV.3SG  
 b. *\*#Poate ce să mănânce Radu?*  
 can.3SG what SA eat.SBJV.3SG Radu  
 'What can Radu eat?'

(Ro.)

- (89) a. *Ce limba știe să vorbească Ana?*  
 what language know.3SG SA speak.SBJV.3SG Ana  
 b. *#Știe ce limba să vorbească Ana?*  
 know.3SG what language SA speak.SBJV.3SG Ana  
 'What language can Ana speak?'

(Ro.)

However, the b-variants of all three sentences are possible as echo-questions. Furthermore, if we change the sentences to accommodate two *wh*-elements, the intermediate landing site in the CP of the embedded clause becomes available for the lower *wh*-element:

- (90) a. *Cine ce poate să citească?*  
 who what can.3SG SA read.SBJV.3SG  
 b. *Cine poate ce să citească?*  
 who can.3SG what SA read.SBJV.3SG

‘Who can read what?’

(Ro., Nicolae 2016:21)

These latter examples show that a left periphery and a possible landing site for partial *wh*-fronting is present even in all types of *să*-complements, even when it is selected by a modal verb.

In southern Calabrian, *mu* can co-occur with *wh*-elements. Whenever the verb is an epistemic verb such as *sacciu* ‘I know’, the embedded question can feature *mi*:

- (91) *Non sacciu chimmu dico.*  
 NEG know.1SG what=MU say.1SG  
 ‘I do not know what to say.’

(SCal., Locri (CZ), Damonte 2009:232)

- (92) a. *Sai comu/quandu/aundi (?mi) vai?*  
 know.2SG how/when/where MU=go.2SG  
 ‘Do you know how/when/where to go?’  
 b. *Non sapi comu/quandu/aundi mi vai*  
 NEG know.3SG how/when/where MU=go.3SG  
 ‘S/he does not know how/when/where to go.’

(SCal., Bova Marina (RC), Squillaci 2016:158)

On the basis of these data, we can conclude there is a CP present in these complements introduced by *mu* in Bovesè.

In contrast to Calabrian *mu* and Romanian *să*, Salentino *cu* can never co-occur with *wh*-elements:

- (93) \**Me sta ddumannu ntfe ku addzu fare.*  
 me=stay.1SG ask.1SG what CU have.1SG do.INF  
 ‘I am asking myself what I should do.’

(Sal., Calabrese 1992:279)

This test can therefore not be applied to Salentino. The same goes for Verbicarese, where *chə* cannot co-occur with *wh*-elements.

## 5.6 Adverbs

As shown by the seminal work of Cinque (1999), adverbs lexicalise the specifier position of a series of functional heads in the I-domain which occur in the same order cross-linguistically. Adverbs can therefore be used as a diagnostic for the projection of functional structure. If a certain adverb can be embedded in the complement clause, this shows that the corresponding functional head is projected. Adverbs are generally divided into the higher adverb space (HAS, “higher adverbs” in Cinque’s (1999) terms), comprising the adverbs from Mood<sub>speechact</sub> to Mod<sub>volitional</sub>, and lower adverbs (LAS, or “lower pre-VP adverbs” in Cinque (1999)), which includes all adverbs lower than Mod<sub>volitional</sub>, comprising mostly aspectual projections and Voice (Cinque 1999; Ledgeway & Lombardi 2005:81ff.; Ledgeway & Roberts forthcoming). By testing the grammaticality of adverbs from both spaces, the structural size of a complement can be established.

In Verbicarese, the complements to all three verbs under examination can contain adverbs of the LAS, as is expected under our hypothesis:

- (94) a. *No pozzə jji abboggħia n feria.*  
 NEG can.1SG go.INF often in holiday  
 ‘I cannot often go on holiday.’  
 b. *Finiscə i puləzzà bona a casa.*  
 finish.1SG of clean.INF well the house  
 ‘I finish cleaning the house well.’  
 c. *M’ajə cumbwinda i fa i purpuettə priəstə.*  
 REFL=have.1SG convinced of make.INF the meatballs early  
 ‘I have decided to prepare the meatballs early.’

(USIDs, Verbicaro (CS))

The HAS adverbs, on the other hand, are not expected to be grammatical in all complement types. If the complement is a mere vP, none of them should be allowed. Similarly, if the complement is a IP, not all HAS adverbs should be grammatical. However, we do find that HAS adverbs can be embedded in all three complements:

- (95) a. *Mə pozzə sbaglià apposta.*  
 REFL=can.1SG err.INF on.purpose  
 ‘I can make mistakes on purpose.’  
 b. *Cumwingə a sbaglià apposta.*  
 start.1SG to err.INF on.purpose

'I start to make mistakes on purpose.'

- c. *Singhə ji ca me cumbwingə i sbaglià apposta.*  
be.1SG I that REFL=convince.1SG of err.INF on.purpose

'I decide to make mistakes on purpose.'

- d. *Maria s'a cumbwinda cchə Vitə adda jji a Nnapələ apposta.*  
Maria REFL=have.3SG convinced that Vito have.to.3SG go.INF to Naples on purpose.  
'Maria has decided that Vito should go to Naples on purpose.'

(USIDs, Verbicaro (CS))

This might indicate that all complements contain the related functional heads (at least up until Mod<sub>volitional</sub>). Another explanation might be related to the actual scope of the adverbs. If the adverb takes scope over the whole clause rather than the complement clause, it is located in the matrix clause and is not indicative of complement size. In this case, the adverb appears after the verb because it has been dislocated.

In Romanian, all complement types can embed adverbs from the HAS:<sup>16</sup>

- (96) a. *Putem să plecăm (probabil/intenționat/din nou) la mare.*  
can.1PL SA leave.1PL (probably/intentionally/again) to sea  
'We can leave (probably/intentionally/again) to the sea.'
- b. *Ana încearcă să facă (?probabil/ intenționat/din nou) sarmale cu mamaligă.*  
Ana try.3SG SA make.SBJV.3SG (probably/intentionally/again) sarmale with polenta  
'Ana tries to make (probably/intentionally/again) sarmale with polenta.'
- c. *Știe să vorbească (?probabil /intenționat/din nou) limba română.*  
know.3SG SA speak.SBJV.3SG (probably/intentionally/again) language Romanian  
'S/he can speak (probably/intentionally/again) Romanian.'
- d. *Ion decide să meargă (?probabil/intenționat/din nou) în Italia în vacanță.*  
Ion decide.3SG SA go.SBJV.3SG (probably/intentionally/again) to Italy on holiday  
'Ion decides to go (probably/intentionally/again) to Italy on holiday.'

(Ro.)

According to my informants, these examples are a bit odd, but are grammatical. The grammaticality of these adverb positions shows us that in all types of complements introduced by *să*, the higher functional projections are projected.

<sup>16</sup> The adverb *aparent* 'apparently' cannot be embedded because it behaves as a parenthetical (Alexandru Nicolae, p.c.).

Since HAS adverbs are allowed in all *să*-complements, it is unsurprising that adverbs from the LAS are also grammatical in the complement clause of *a putea* and *a ști*:

- (97) a. *Pot să plec des la mare.*  
 can.1SG SA leave.SBJV.1SG often to sea  
 'I can go often to the sea.'
- b. *Copilul știe să scrie deja.*  
 child.DET know.3SG SA write.SBJV.3SG already  
 'The child can write already.'

(Ro.)

On the other hand, in a southern Calabrian variety such as Nicoterese, as shown by Taylor (2014), the adverbs from the HAS are only possible in a subtype of *mu*-complement clauses; specifically, in the clauses selected by control verbs such as *prova* 'try' (99). With modals (98), these higher adverbs from the HAS cannot be embedded:

- (98) a. *Gianni voli u si mangia (\*veramenti) u paninu.*  
 Gianni want.3SG MU REFL=eat.3SG truly the sandwich  
 'Gianni wants to (really) eat the panino.'
- b. *Gianni volarria u si mangia (\*probabilmenti) u paninu.*  
 Gianni want.COND.3SG MU REFL= eat.3SG probably the sandwich  
 'Gianni would like to (probably) eat the panino.'
- c. *Gianni voli u arriva (\*apparentementi) 'n tiempu Maria.*  
 Gianni want.3SG MU arrive.3SG apparently in time Maria  
 'Gianni wants Maria to apparently arrive on time.'
- d. *Mo no pozzu viniri c'haju mu civu (\*possibilmenti) o figghjolu.*  
 now NEG can.1SG come.INF LOC.have.1SG MU feed.1SG (possibly) to.the son  
 'At present I cannot come as I possibly have to feed my son.'

(SCal., Taylor 2014:201–2)

- (99) a. *Gianni prova u si mangia (veramenti) u paninu.*  
 Gianni try.3SG MU REFL= eat.3SG really the sandwich  
 'Gianni tries to really eat the sandwich.'
- b. *Gianni prova u arriva (certamenti) 'n tiempo.*  
 Gianni try.3SG MU arrive.3SG certainly in time  
 'Gianni tries to arrive certainly on time.'

(SCal., Taylor 2014:204)

The adverbs corresponding to the two lowest positions within the HAS, on the other hand, are grammatical in the *mu*-complements selected by both modals and conatives:

- (100)a. *Haju u cangiu nurmalmenti u crinu di matarazzi.*  
 have.1SG MU change.1SG normally the horsehair of mattress  
 'I have to normally change the horsehair of the mattress.'
- b. *Gianmaria vozzi u ruppi intenzionalmenti u vitru.*  
 Gianmaria want.3SG MU break.3SG intentionally the glass.  
 'Gianmaria wants to intentionally break the glass.'

(ScaL, Taylor 2014:203)

- (101)a. *Gianni prova u cangiu regolarmenti u crinu di matarazzi.*  
 Gianni try.3SG MU change.3SG regularly the horsehair of mattress  
 'Gianni tries to regularly change the horsehair of the mattress.'
- b. *Gianni prova u nci duna apposta u regali a Maria.*  
 Gianni try.3SG MU to=her given on.purpose the present to Maria  
 'Gianni tries to give the present on purpose to Maria.'

(ScaL, Taylor 2014:203)

This shows that there is a difference in the complement size selected by control verbs on the one hand and by modal verbs on the other in Nicoterese. The latter select for complements that do not include the positions in the HAS higher than *Asp<sub>frequentative(I)</sub>*. In contrast, adverbs from the LAS are allowed in all *mu*-complements:

- (102)a. *Giuseppe si stanca u leggi addinovu/tutt/spessu/ancora u libru.*  
 Giuseppe REFL=tire.3SG MU reads again/always/often/still the book  
 'Giuseppe is tired of reading the book again/always/often/still.'
- b. *Prova u scrivi ancora.*  
 try.3SG MU writes still  
 'S/he tries to still write.'
- c. *Gianni prova u cangiu ggìa u crinu di matarazzi.*  
 Gianni try.3SG MU change.3SG already the straw of mattress  
 'Gianni tries to change the straw of the mattress already.'
- d. *Gianni prova u nci duna rapidamenti u regali a Maria.*  
 Gianni try.3SG MU to.her=give.3SG quickly the gift to Maria

‘Gianni tries to give the gift quickly to Maria.’

- e. *Finisci u fuma addinovu sigaretti.*  
 finish.3SG MU smoke.3SG again cigarettes  
 ‘S/he finishes smoking cigarettes again.’

(SCal., Taylor 2014:205–6)

The LAS adverbs therefore do not indicate any difference between complements in any of the varieties under examination.

In Salentino, informants tend to translate HAS adverbs such as *regularly* with ‘every day’ or ‘more often’, which might indicate that these adverbs cannot naturally be embedded in the *cu*-clause. In another example, here represented in (103), the informant changes the verb to *crisciu* which selects *ca*:

- (103)a. *Ncìgnu cu pulizzu ogne giurnu la casa.*  
 start.1SG CU clean.1SG every day the house  
 ‘I start to clean the house every day.’  
 b. *Crisciu ca bba tròu quarche fiata te cchiù li parienti.*  
 decide.1SG that go find.1SG some time of more the family.members  
 ‘I decide to go visit my relatives more often.’

(Sal., Lequile (LE))

This happens in both complements to aspectuals as well as complements to ‘to decide’. The data seem to indicate that these higher adverbs are impossible in *cu*-clauses, as speakers change them or the matrix verbs when translating the sentences.

Second, in Salentino, adverbs from the LAS are allowed in all *cu*-complements, as expected:

- (104)a. *‘Ccumanzamu cu pulizzamu sempre a casa.*  
 start.1PL CU clean.1PL always at home  
 ‘We start to always clean at home.’  
 b. *La maestra ole cu se studiane bene lu libru tutti li studenti.*  
 the teacher want.3SG CU REFL study well the book all the students  
 ‘The teacher wants all the students to study the book well.’  
 c. *Decidimu cu sciamu attorna in Puglia.*  
 decide.1PL CU go.1PL again in Puglia  
 ‘We decide to go again to Puglia.’  
 d. *Pozzu scire mute fiate alla Puglia.*  
 can.1SG go.INF many times to.the Puglia

'I can go many times to Puglia.'

e. *Spìcciu cu ffazzu bbona sta fatia.*

finish.1SG CU do.1SG good this job

'I finish doing this job well.'

(Sal., Lequile (LE))

The grammaticality of adverbs thus does not give clear indications of the structural size of the different complements introduced by *cu*.

### 5.7 Tough-movement

In Italian, transparency effects can be seen with restructuring verbs in tough-constructions (Postal 1971; Rizzi 1990). These constructions contain a predicative adjective and a subject clause. The object of this clause can be extracted and be promoted to the subject of the matrix clause:

(105)a. *E' difficile leggere libri di sintassi.*

be.3SG difficult read.INF books of syntax

'It is difficult to read syntax books.'

b. *Libri di sintassi sono difficili da leggere.*

books of syntax be.3PL difficult.PL to read.INF

'Syntax books are difficult to read.'

(It.)

When the embedded clause contains a restructuring verb, tough-movement can apply to the object of the infinitival verb, as in (106). However, when the embedded clause contains a control verb, the object of the infinitive is too deeply embedded (107):

(106)a. *E' facile cominciare a fumare le sigarette.*

be.3SG easy begin.INF to smoke.INF the cigarettes

'It is easy to begin smoking cigarettes.'

b. *Le sigarette sono facili da cominciare a fumare.*

the cigarettes be.3PL easy.PL to start.INF to smoke.INF

'Cigarettes are easy to start smoking.'

(107)a. *E' facile convincersi a smettere di fumare le sigarette.*

be.3SG easy convince.INF=REFL to stop.INF of smoke.INF the cigarettes

‘It is easy to convince yourself to smoke cigarettes.’

- b. \**Le sigarette sono facili da convincersi a smettere di fumare.*

the cigarettes be.3PL easy.PL to convince.INF=REFL to stop.INF of smoke.INF

‘Cigarettes are easy to convince yourself to smoke.’

(It., Taylor 2014:169)

Tough-movement can therefore be used as a diagnostic for restructuring of the embedded clause (Taylor 2014:169).

Also in Verbicarese, tough-movement proves grammatical with the modal *putwí* and the aspectual *fəni* but not with the modal or the control verb *cumbwingə*:

- (108) a. *I lingə su ddəffilə da studijà.*

the languages be.3PL difficult to study.INF

‘Languages are difficult to be able to speak.’

- b. *Sa pitta è ddəficila da finiscə i mangià.*

the cake be.3SG difficult to finish.INF of eat.INF

‘Foreign languages are difficult to finish studying.’

- c. \**Sa pitta jè ddəfficila da puté fa bona.*

the cake be.3SG difficult to be.able.INF make.INF well

‘The cake is difficult to be able to make well.’

- d. \**Sa pitta jè ffacəla da tə cumbwingə i fa.*

the cake be.3SG easy to REFL=convince.INF of make.INF

‘The cake easy to convince to make.’

(USIDs, Verbicaro (CS))

The movement is fully ungrammatical when *decide* takes a finite complement:

- (109) \**Sa pitta è ffacəla da tə cumbwingə cchə (a) fai.*

the cake be.3SG easy to REFL=convince that (it=)you.make

Intended: ‘The cake is easy to decide to make.’

(USIDs, Verbicaro (CS))

This confirms our hypothesis that *fəni* takes a reduced complement, in contrast with the control verb *cumbwingə*.

In Romanian, tough-constructions can be formed with the supine, the subjunctive and infinitives. When the complement contains a supine, extraction of the object is possible:

(110)a. *E ușor de vorbit limbi străine.*  
 be.3SG easy of speak.SUP languages foreign  
 'It is easy to speak foreign languages.'

b. *Limbile străine sunt ușor de vorbit.*  
 languages.DET foreign be.3PL easy of speak.SUP  
 'Foreign languages are easy to speak.'

(Ro.)

However, extraction is never possible with a subjunctive complement to tough-clauses:

(111)a. *E ușor să vorbesc limbi străine.*  
 be.3SG easy SA speak.SBJV.1SG languages foreign  
 'It is easy (for me) to speak foreign languages.'

b. \**Limbile străine sunt ușor să-le vorbesc.*  
 languages.DET foreign be.3PL easy SA=them speak.SBJV.1SG  
 'Foreign languages are easy for me to speak.'

(Ro.)

This test therefore does not show us any contrast between different types of *să*-complements, as extraction is blocked in general. This can be accounted for if we assume that all subjunctive complements are CPs (even though unexpected from a purely semantic viewpoint), but is unexpected under the hypothesis that the *să*-clause can also be smaller in size.

In Bovesse tough-movement is impossible in general. This test can therefore not be used to establish the size of the complement introduced by *mu*. In Salentino, on the other hand, tough-movement seems possible with both aspectual verbs and control verbs:

(112)a. *Le lingue straniere su difficili cu cummenzi le cunti.*  
 the languages foreign be.3PL difficult CU start.2SG them=you.speak  
 'Foreign languages are difficult to start to speak.'

b. *Le lingue straniere su difficili cu se 'mparane cu se cuntane.*  
 the languages foreign be.3PL difficult.PL CU REFL=learn.3PL CU REFL=speak.3PL  
 'Foreign languages are difficult to learn to speak.'

(Sal., Lequile (LE))

Other speakers however seem to prefer the infinitive in these contexts or to not extract the object (113):

- (113) a. *Le lingue te fore su tošte cu le sspicci te mparare.*  
 the languages of outside be.3PL difficult CU them=stop.2SG of learn.INF  
 'Foreign languages are hard to stop learning.'
- b. *Le lingue de fore su tošte cu tte le mpari a parlare.*  
 the languages of outside be.3PL difficult CU you=them=learn.SG to speak.INF  
 'Foreign languages are difficult to learn to speak.'
- c. *È facile cu tte minti cu tte mpari le lingue te fore,*  
 be.3SG easy CU REFL=put CU REFL=learn the languages of outside  
*ma nu bbe filu facile cu tte le mpari a parlare!*  
 but NEG be.3SG at.all easy CU REFL=them=you.learn to speak.INF  
 'It is easy to start learning foreign languages, but it is not easy to learn to speak them!'  
 (Sal., Lequile (LE))

Extraction of the object is thus not blocked by *cu* in Salentino. However, with two embedded clauses, some speakers prefer the infinitive above the *cu*-clause. Also, the extraction seems more readily available when the object is located in a clause embedded under an aspectual rather than under a control verb.

## 5.8 Availability of topic-focus fields

If the embedded clause is only a *vP* or a *TP*, we expect the higher left periphery of the clause to be absent. The presence of a periphery can be tested by trying to front elements, such as a focused object, as in the following examples:

- (114) a. *(U VWINƏ RUSSƏ) Vitə s'a cumbwində (\*?U VWINƏ RUSSƏ) i servə U*  
 the wine red Vito REFL=has.3SG convinced the wine red of serve.INF the  
*VWINƏ RUSSƏ no cuiddə jwanchə.*  
 wine red NEG that white  
 'Vito has decided to serve the red one, not the white one.'
- b. *(I TAGGHIARIEDDƏ) ajə fənitə (\*I TAGGHIARIEDDƏ) i fa I TAGGHIARIEDDƏ,*  
 the tagliatelle have.1SG finished the tagliatelle of make.INF the tagliatelle  
*no u suchə.*  
 NEG the sauce  
 'I have finished preparing the tagliatelle, not the sauce.'

- c. (*U PWIESCƏ*) *po'*      (*\*U PWIESCƏ*) *mangia* (*U PWIESCƏ*), *no a carna*.  
 the fish      can.3SG the fish      eat.INF the fish      NEG the meat  
 'He can eat fish, not meat.'

(USIDs, Verbicaro (CS))

This test does not yield a clear contrast between complement types. Speakers prefer to place the focused object at the beginning of the matrix clause or at the very end of the sentence. It can also be placed at the beginning of the embedded clause when the matrix verbs are *decide* or *fini*. In the latter case, the focused element can also be located in the lower left periphery (Belletti 2004; 2005).

With a finite complement of *decide*, both topic (115a) and focus (115b) positions are available:

- (115)a. *Mə cumbwinge*      (?*sta materia*) *che sta materia âja*      *studijà bona*.  
 REFL=convince.1SG      this subject      that i this subject it=have.to.1SG study.INF well  
 'I decide that this subject, we have to study it very well.'
- b. *M'ajə*      *cumbwinda cchə U VRƏVƏCARISƏ*      *ama parlà*      *no u talianə*.  
 REFL=have.1SG convinced      that the Verbicarese must.1PL speak.INF      NEG the Italian  
 'I decide that we speak Verbicarese, not Italian.'

(USIDs, Verbicaro (CS))

With the topic, a position before *chə* is available but the position after the complementiser is preferred. For focus, on the other hand, only the position following the complementiser is available. The left periphery is thus available in finite complements of *decide* and follows the complementiser.

If the embedded clause is only a TP, we expect the left periphery of the clause to be absent. The presence of a periphery can be tested by trying to front elements, such as a focused subject or a clitic left-dislocated object. In Romanian, this is grammatical even with modal verbs such as *a putea*, as shown by the following sentences:

- (116)a. *Putem ca NOI să plecăm la mare*.  
 can.1PL that we SA leave.SBJV.1PL to sea  
 'WE can leave for the sea.'
- b. *Mai putem ca pe  $x^2-4x-2 / x^2+4x+4$  să-l aducem la o fracție*  
 still can.1PL that.SBJV DOM  $x^2-4x-2 / x^2+4x+4$  SA=IT reduce.SBJV.1PL at a fraction  
*mai simplă*.

more simple

'We can reduce  $x^2-4x-2/x^2+4x+4$  further to a simpler fraction.'

(Ro., Nicolae 2016:21)

c. *Radu știe (ca) limba română s-o vorbească, (nu limba olandeză).*

Radu know.3SG that language Romanian sa=it speaks.SBJV.3SG NEG language Dutch

'Radu can speak Romanian, not Dutch.'

(Ro.)

This latter example shows us that in the subjunctive complement of the modal *a putea* the left periphery is activated.<sup>17</sup>

The situation is less clear for complements to aspectual verbs. Alboiu (2006) reports that fronting with aspectual verbs is impossible, but possible with control verbs. Our informants, however, accept fronting in all sentences:

(117)a. *Victor va începe (ca pe Mihai) să-l ajute.*

Victor AUX.FUT.3SG begin.INF that DOM Mihai SA=him help.SBJV.3SG

'Victor will begin to help him/Mihai.'

b. *Victor va începe să-l ajute (pe Mihai).*

Victor AUX.FUT.3SG begin.INF SA=him help.SBJV.3SG DOM Mihai

'Victor will begin to help him (Mihai).'

(Ro., adapted from Alboiu 2006:197)

(118) *L-am rugat pe Ion ca mâine să plimbe el câinele.*

him=have.1SG asked DOM Ion that tomorrow SA walk.SBJV.3SG he.NOM dog

'I asked Ion to walk the dogs tomorrow.'

(Ro., Alboiu 2006:210)

This is confirmed by Cotfas (2016a:101–115, 157–8), who reports similar findings. Her study shows that speakers accept *ca* followed by left-peripheral constituents in complements to aspectual, modals and implicative verbs such as *a încerca* 'to try' and *a reuși* 'to succeed'.

In Bovesse, a left periphery can be activated with focus or topic elements whenever the *mu*-complement is selected by desiderative verbs:

<sup>17</sup> One could object that this fronting position is located within the lower left periphery of the clause (Belletti 2004; 2005). The data can also be explained this way, but we assume that we are dealing with the higher left periphery as the other tests seem to indicate a CP structure for all *să*-complements.

- (119) *Speramu armenu U FOCU nomm'u ddumanu stasira.*  
 wish.1PL at.least the fire NEG=MU=it light.3PL tonight  
 'Let's hope that they don't light the bonfire at least tonight.'

(SCal., Bova Marina (RC), Squillaci 2016:157)

- (120) *Me mamma voli I FIGGHIOLI/i figghioli/\*i figghioli mi mangianu i pretali,*  
 my mother want.3SG the children/the children/the children MU eat.3PL the pretali,  
*no vui!*  
 not you.PL  
 'My mother wants the children to eat the pretali, not you!'

(SCal., Bova Marina (RC), Squillaci 2016:152)

However, modals or aspectuals do not allow this focus position:

- (121) a. *Pozzu (\*SULU U PANI SENZA GLUTINE) mi mangiu sulu U PANI SENZA GLUTINE*  
 can.1SG only the bread without gluten MU eat.1SG only the bread without gluten  
*non chiddu normali.*  
 NEG that normal.  
 'I can only eat bread without gluten, not the normal one.'
- b. *\*Finiscu A PAOLO mi iutu, no a Maria.*  
 finish.1SG DOM Paolo MU help.1SG NEG DOM Maria  
 'I finish helping Paolo, not Maria.'

(SCal., Bova Marina (RC))

The left-periphery focus position is thus only available in the complements to desiderative verbs. This suggests that these complements are structurally bigger than those to modals or aspectuals. The same result is found for another southern Calabrian variety, namely that of Nicotera (Taylor 2014:197–200).

In Salentino, not all speakers seem to make use of focus fronting to the left edge of the embedded clause. For speakers who do, they allow focus fronting more readily with a CP-selecting verb such as *volere* than with a modal (123a) or aspectual (123b):

- (122) a. *?\*Sape LU FRANCESE cu conta, none lu tedesco.*  
 know.3SG the French CU speak.3SG NEG the German  
 'He can speak French, not German.'
- b. *\*Lu Marcu ha spicciatu LU PAOLO cu aiuta, none la Maria.*

the Marco have.3SG finished the Paolo CU help.3SG NEG the Maria  
 ‘Marco has finished helping Paolo, not Maria.’

- c. \**La Federica decide LU VINU RUSSU cu porta e non cuiggiu biancu.*  
 the Federica decide.3SG the wine red CU bring.3SG and NEG that white  
 ‘Federica decides to bring the red wine, not the white one.’
- d. *Oiu LU VINU RUSSU cu porta la Carla e none cuiggiu biancu.*  
 want.1SG the wine red CU bring.3SG the Carla and NEG that white  
 ‘I want Carla to bring the red wine, not the white one.’

(Sal.)

- (123)a. *Sirma ulia JOU cu (\*JOU) restu a casa [...]*  
 father want.IPFV.3SG I CU I remain.1SG at home  
 ‘Father wanted that I would stay at home.’

- b. *Ojju CRAI cu bbene lu Mariu, none osce.*  
 want.1SG tomorrow CU come.3SG the Mariu, NEG today  
 ‘I want that Maria comes tomorrow, not today.’

(Sal., Damonte 2011:238)

This test shows a clear contrast in the complement structure depending on the type of verb selecting the *cu*-complement: the left periphery is only available in complements we hypothesised to be CPs. However, unexpectedly, the left periphery is not available in the complement of *decide* either, as can be seen in example (122c). This might be due to interspeaker variation. In the literature, examples of fronting with lexical control verbs can be found (123).

### 5.9 *Wh*-extraction of the complement

Only CP infinitival complements can be *wh*-extracted and moved to [spec,CP] of the matrix clause. The *wh*-phrase *che* ‘what’ can reference an infinitival CP argument (124), but not a vP-sized (125) or IP-sized (126) complement (Ledgeway 2000:162; Taylor 2014:189–90), as exemplified in the following Neapolitan data:

- (124) a. *Giuanne se mette scuorno ‘e dicere bucie.*  
 Giuanne REFL=put.3SG shame of tell.INF lies  
 ‘Giuanne is ashamed of telling lies.’
- b. *‘E che se mette scuorno Giuanne?*  
 of what REFL=put.3SG shame Giuanne  
 ‘Of what is Giuanne ashamed?’

(Nap., Ledgeway 2000:162)

(125) a. *Giuanne pô /hadda /sa /vô dicere bucie.*  
 Giuanne can.3SG /have.to.3SG /know.3SG /want.3SG tell.INF lies  
 'Giuanne can/must/knows how/wants to tell lies.'

b. *\*Che pô /hadda /sa /vô Giuanne?*  
 what can.3SG /have.to.3SG /know.3SG /want.3SG Giuanne  
 'What can/must/knows/wants Giuanne?'

(Nap., Ledgeway 2000:162)

(126) a. *Giuanne prov' a /cerca 'e dicere bucie.*  
 Giuanne try.3SG to/ try.3SG of tell.INF lies  
 'Giuanne tries to tell lies.'

b. *\*A/'e che prova /cerca Giuanne?*  
 to/of what try.3SG/try.3SG Giuanne  
 'What does Giuanne try?'

(Nap., Ledgeway 2000:162)

If we apply this test to Verbicarese, we see that only the complement of *decide* can be *wh*-extracted:

(127) a. *Vicienzə pò guidà a machəna.*  
 Vincenzo can.3SG drive.INF the car  
 'Vincenzo can drive the car.'

b. *\*Che pò Vicienzə?*  
 what can.3SG Vincenzo  
 'What can Vincenzo?'

(USIDs, Verbicaro (CS))

(128) a. *Vicienzə finiscia 'i fà u mangià.*  
 Vincenzo finish.3SG of prepare.INF the food  
 'Vincenzo finishes preparing the food.'

b. *#Che finiscia Vicienzə?*  
 what finish.3SG Vincenzo  
 'What finishes Vincenzo?'

(USIDs, Verbicaro (CS))

- (129) a. *Giusæcedda s'a cumbwinta 'i jì a Nnapelle.*

Giuseppina REFL=has convinced of go.INF to Naples  
 'Giuseppina have.3SG decided to go to Naples.'

- b. *De cchə s'a cumbwinta Giusæcedda?*

of what REFL=have.3SG convinced Giuseppina  
 'What has Giuseppina decided?'

(USIDs, Verbicaro (CS))

This shows us that only the complement of *decide* is a full CP; the other complements are reduced.

Extraction of the complement can therefore function as a test for the CP-status of the embedded clause. When applied to the Romanian complements introduced by *să*, we obtain the following results:

- (130) a. *Ion decide să meargă în Italia în vacanță.*

Ion decide.3SG SA go.SBJV.3SG in Italy in holiday  
 'Ion decides to go to Italy on holiday.'

- b. *Ce decide Ion?*

what decide.3SG Ion  
 'What does Ion decide?'

- c. *să meargă în Italia în vacanță.*

SA go.SBJV.3SG in Italy in holiday  
 'to go to Italy on holiday.'

(Ro.)

- (131) a. *Ion poate să meargă în Italia în vacanță.*

Ion can.3SG SA go.SBJV.3SG in Italy in holiday  
 'Ion can go on holiday to Italy.'

- b. *Ce poate Ion?*

what can.3SG Ion  
 'What can Ion?'

- c. *să meargă în Italia în vacanță.*

SA go.SBJV.3SG in Italy in holiday  
 '(to) go to Italy on holiday.'

(Ro.)

- (132) a. *Ana începe să învețe limba română.*

Ana begin.3SG SA learn.SBJV.3SG language Romanian

'Ana begins to study Romanian.'

b. *Ce începe Ana?*

what begin.3SG Ana

'What does Ana begin?'

c. *să învețe limba română.*

SA learn.SBJV.3SG language Romanian

'to study Romanian.'

(Ro.)

(133) a. *Ana încercă să facă sarmale cu mămăligă.*

Ana try.3SG SA make.SBJV.3SG sarmale with polenta

'Ana tries to make sarmale with polenta.'

b. *Ce încercă Ana?*

what try.3SG Ana

'What does Ana try?'

c. *să facă sarmale cu mămăligă.*

SA makes.SBJV.3SG sarmale with polenta

'to make sarmale with polenta.'

(Ro.)

All *să*-clauses, whether complement to a modal, an aspectual or a control verb, can be *wh*-extracted, and occur in isolation as an answer. On the basis of this test, we can conclude that *all* Romanian *să*-complements are CPs.

In the Calabrian variety Nicoterese, as shown by Taylor (2014: 191-192), *wh*-extraction is possible with *mu*-complements that are CPs, but not with *mu*-complements that constitute *v*Ps or *TP*s:

(134)a. *Nci domandai u lava i piatti.*

to.him=ask.PRET.1SG MU wash.3SG the dishes

'I asked him to wash the dishes.'

b. *[Chi] nci domandai?*

what to.him=ask.PRET.1SG

'What did I ask him?'

(SCal., Taylor 2014:191-2)

(135)a. *Giuseppe poti u leggi.*

Giuseppe can.3SG MU read.3SG

b. \*[Chi] poti Giuseppe?

what can.3SG Giuseppe

(SCal., Taylor 2014:191–2)

(136) a. *Giuseppe finisci u scrivi.*

Giuseppe finish.3SG MU write.3SG

b. \*[Chi] finisci Giuseppe?

what finish.3SG Giuseppe

(SCal., Taylor 2014:191–2)

These data provide evidence that not all *mu*-clauses are full CPs. Only control verbs select full CPs, whereas conatives, aspectuals and modals select smaller complements which cannot be *wh*-extracted.

(137) a. *Lu Vincenzu pò portare la machina.*

the Vincenzo can.3SG bring.INF the car

‘Vincenzo can bring the car.’

b. *Cce ppò portare lu Vincenzu?*

what can.3SG bring.INF the Vincenzo?

‘What can Vincenzo bring?’

(Sal., Lequile (LE))

(138) a. *La Laura ha spicciatu cu cconza pe lla sira.*

the Laura have.3SG stopped CU prepare.3SG for the evening

‘Laura stopped preparing dinner.’

b. *Cce bbe spicciatu cu cconza la Laura?*

what have.3SG stopped CU prepare.3SG the Laura

‘What has Laura stopped to prepare?’

(Sal., Lequile (LE))

(139) a. *Lu Marcu òle cu bbae a Lecce.*

the Marco want3SG CU go3SG to Lecce

‘Marco wants to go to Lecce.’

b. *Cce bbòle lu Marcu?*

what want.3SG the Marco

‘What does Marco want?’

(Sal., Lequile (LE))

In Salentino, the informant obligatorily repeated the complement in the question. Only with ‘want’ can the complement be omitted (as in Italian, cf. Cinque (2004:35–6) on an abstract verbal complement paraphrasable as HAVE). *Wh*-extraction of the complement clause is not possible.

#### 5.10 Pronominalisation of the CP

The (un)grammaticality of the pronominalisation of complements can also be used to establish whether a complement is a CP or not, on the assumption that only CPs can be pronominalised. In Verbicarese, only the complement to the verb *decide* can be pronominalised; the complement to the aspectual *fānì* and the modal *putwí* cannot:

(140) a. *Me c’ajə cumbwinda.*

REFL=to.it=have.1SG convinced

‘I have decided it.’

b. *#Vicienzə u finiscə.*

Vincenzo it=finish.3SG

‘Vincenzo finishes (doing) it.’

c. *\*Vicienzə u pò.*

Vincenzo it=can

‘Vincenzo can it.’

(USIDs, Verbicaro (CS))

This shows that only the complement of *decide* is a full CP.

In Romanian, *să* complements, like other argument clauses, can be pronominalised by both the clitic *o* ‘her.F.SG.ACC’ and the demonstrative *asta* ‘this’ (Zafiu 2013b:572)<sup>18</sup>:

(141) a. *(asta) (o) decid.*

this.F.SG it.F.SG=decide.1SG

‘I decide this.’

b. *(asta) (o) pot.*

this.F.SG it.F.SG=can.1SG

‘I can (do) this.’

<sup>18</sup> Having only *asta* seems to be the preferred option.

c. (*asta*) (*o*) *încep*.

this.F.SG it.F.SG=start.1SG

'I start this.'

(Ro.)

The fact that all complements can be pronominalised with *asta* and/or *o* shows their argumental status: they are all CPs.

In Bovesè, at first glance, the situation seems identical, as complements to aspectual verbs can be pronominalised:

(142) *Ora i ncumenciamu [~~mi~~ facimu ~~i~~ lestopitti].*

now them=start.1PL MU make.1PL the lestopitte

'We start them.'

(SCal., Bova Marina (RC), Squillaci 2016:112)

However, this pronoun refers to the direct object of the embedded verb rather than to the complement clause, as shown by the masculine plural morphology. If we change the pronoun to refer to the complement clause, the result becomes ungrammatical:

(143) a. *#U ncumenciamu [~~mi~~ facimu ~~i~~ lestopitti].*

it=start.1PL

'We start making it.'

b. *\*U poti.*

it=can.3SG

'He can it.'

c. *U decidia [~~mi~~ fazzu ~~i~~ lestopitti].*

it=decide.PST.1SG MI make.1SG the lestopitti

'I decided it (to make the lestopitti).'

(SCal., Bova Marina (RC))

Neither can complements to *potere* be pronominalised; complements to *decide*, on the other hand, can. This shows that only the latter complement is a full CP.

In Salentino, results are similar. When asked to translate sentences with a pronoun referring to a complement given in the context, the speaker produced the following sentences:

(144) a. *Lu Marcu òle.*

the Marco want.3SG

- 'Marco decides (it).
- b. *La Laura ha spicciatu cu cconza.*  
 the Laura have.3SG finished CU prepares  
 'Laura has finished preparing (it).'
- c. *Lu Vincenzu pòte.*  
 the Vincenzo can.3SG  
 'Vincenzo can (do it).'

(Sal., Lequile (LE))

In none of these sentences is the pronoun expressed. Note however that the verb embedded under the aspectual verb needs to be repeated. If the absence of the pronoun is taken as a case of pro-drop, we can conclude that pronominalisation is not possible with the complement of aspectual verbs. Ellipsis is however possible with modals and control verbs.

### 5.11 CP focusing

In a similar vein, we can test whether complements are CPs by fronting them to the left periphery. Arguments of main verbs (DPs and CPs) may be fronted, but complements to modals and aspectuals cannot:

- (145) *A NUTÀ me mparo, un'àbballà.*  
 to swim.INF REFL=learn.1SG NEG dance.INF  
 'I learn to swim, not to dance.'

(Nap., Ledgeway 2000:160)

- (146) a. *\*NUTÀ pozzo / aggia / saccio / voglio, unn'àbballà.*  
 swim.INF can.1SG /have.1SG /know.1SG / want.1SG NEG dance.INF  
 'To swim/swimming I can/have to/know/want, not to dance/dancing.'
- b. *\*A/E/PE NUTÀ accumencio / continuo / fernesco / sto / torno*  
 to/of/for swim.INF begin.1SG /continue.1SG /finish.1SG / stay.1SG /return.1SG  
*unn'àbballà.*  
 NEG to/of/for dance.INF  
 'I begin/continue/stop/am/begin again to swim/swimming, not to dance/dancing.'

(Nap., Ledgeway 2000:160)

In Verbicarese, complements to both *decidə* and the functional verb *fəni* can be fronted. However, this is impossible with a modal:

- (147) a. *ʔrəmanə m'ajə cumbwində, no 'i partə.*  
 of stay.INF REFL=have.1SG convinced NEG of leave.INF  
 'I decided to stay, not to leave.'
- b. *Cchə rəməngə m'ajə cumbwində, no cchə ppartə.*  
 that stay.1SG REFL=have.1SG convinced NEG that leave.1SG  
 'I decided to stay, not to leave.'
- c. *ʔlucinə ajə fənitə, no 'i puləzzə*  
 of cook.INF have.1SG finished, NEG of clean.INF  
 'I finished cooking, not cleaning.'
- d. *\*ʔʔGuidə no pwozzə, camənə sì.*  
 drive.INF NEG can.1SG walk.INF yes  
 'I cannot drive, but (I can) walk.'

(USIDs, Verbicaro (CS))

This test seems to suggest that both *decide* and *fəni* take a full clausal complement, in contrast to *putwí*. As with the availability of a focus field discussed in §5.8, the difference between *fəni* and *putwí* can be analysed as a difference in phasality. *Fəni* selects a phasal complement, and as such the complement can be fronted. In contrast, the complement to *putwí* is non-phasal and can therefore not be fronted.

In Romanian, by contrast, all *să*-complements to different types of verbs can be fronted:

- (148) *Să-l citesc, pot /încerc /vreau /hotărăsc /încep acum!*  
 SA=it read.SBJV.1SG, can.1SG /try.1SG /want.1SG /decide.1SG /start.1SG now  
 'Read it, I can/try/want/decide/start now!'

(Ro.)

Again, this indicates that the *să*-clauses subcategorised by a modal, aspectual or control verb are all CPs.

In Bovesè, fronting of the *mi*-complement is marginal and considered 'forced' by our informants. However, there is a difference between different control verbs in that fronting the complement of a conative verb is completely out:

- (149) a. *?Mi nnatu pozzu, nommi ballu.*  
 MU swim.1SG can.1SG NEG.MU dance.1SG

- 'I can swim, not dance.'
- b. ?*Mi nnatu voliva, nommi ballu.*  
 MU swim.1SG want.IPFV.1SG NEG.MU dance.1SG  
 'I would like to swim, not to dance.'
- c. ?*Mi nnatu mparai, nommi ballu.*  
 MU swim.1SG learn.PRET.1SG NEG.MU dance.1SG  
 'I learned to swim, not to dance.'
- d. \**Mi nnatu provu, nommi ballu.*  
 MU swim.1SG try.1SG NEG.MU dance.1SG  
 'I try to swim, not to dance.'

(SCal., Bova Marina (RC))

- (150) *MI SCRIVU STU LAVURU ncuminciu/finisciu [no l'atru]*  
 MU write.1SG this work begin.1SG/end.1SG NEG the other  
 'Writing this work I start/finish, not the other.'

(SCal., Bova Marina (RC), Squillaci 2016:119)

In Bovesese, we witness the same result as in Verbicaro: fronting is possible with the lexical control verbs, although forced. In contrast, it is not possible with a conative verb, but unexpectedly possible with an aspectual. This would substantiate the hypothesis that the phasality of the complement matters. Aspectuals select smaller complements consisting of the vP-phase, whereas conative verbs select slightly bigger clauses which include T-related functional heads, which are not phase-heads, hence fronting is ungrammatical. This however cannot explain the marginal acceptability of fronting with the complement of *pozzu* (149a).

In Salentino, our informants do not like any of the fronted *cu*-complements:

- (151)a. \**Cu scrivu stu lavuru incomenzu, no l'addhu.*  
 CU write.1SG this work start.1SG, NEG the other  
 'I start writing this work, not the other.'
- b. \**Cu cuntu lu dialettu prou, none l'italianu.*  
 CU speak.1SG the dialect try.1SG NEG the Italian  
 'I try to speak the dialect, not Italian.'
- c. \**Cu scrivu lu libru decudu, no cu lu leggu.*  
 CU write.1SG the book decide.1SG NEG CU it=read.1SG  
 'I decide to write the book, not to read it.'
- d. \**Cu scrivu nnu libru pòzzu, none cu mmelu ccattu.*

CU write.1SG a book can.1SG NEG CU to.me=it=buy.1SG

'I can write a book, not buy it for myself.'

e. \**Cu scrivu sta fatia spicciu, none l'aura.*

CU write.1SG this work finish.1SG NEG the other

'I finish writing this work, not the other.'

(Sal.)

Fronting thus seems to suggest that none of these complements are CPs, or they are out for another reason. Therefore, this test is not very informative about the status of Salentino *cu*-complements.

Fronting of the complement is however possible when the complement is infinitival:

(152) *Cuntare lu dialettu pozzu, none l'italianu.*

speak.INF the dialect can.1SG, not the Italian

'I can speak the dialect, not Italian.'

(Sal., Lequile (LE))

This is unexpected, as *potere* is usually a restructuring verb that takes a complement smaller than CP. This seems to indicate that restructuring is optional in this variety, but more research is needed at this point.

## 5.12 C-drop

In Standard Italian, complementiser drop can only occur in subjunctive complements or with complements with a verb in the future or conditional (Giorgi & Pianesi 1996; Poletto 2001). However, complementiser drop is not possible in Verbicarese:

(153) *M'ajə cumbwinda \*(cchə) bbajə a Nnapələ.*

REFL=have.1SG convinced that go.3SG to Naples

'I have decided that he should go to Naples.'

(USIDs, Verbicaro (CS))

Complementiser drop can therefore not be used as a property to distinguish complement types in this variety. The same goes for Romanian and Calabrian. *Să* can never be dropped when

introducing a complement.<sup>19</sup> However, *ca* can always be dropped in colloquial usage (Alexandru Nicolae, p.c.). This seems to indicate that *sã* does not behave as a typical C-element. Likewise, Calabrian *mu* can never be dropped.

On the other hand, in some Salentino dialects, the subordinating particle can optionally be dropped. When omitted, *cu* leaves a trace in lengthening of the initial consonant of the following verb (Rohlf's 1969:105; Loporcaro 1997a:346; Mancarella 1998:288; Ledgeway 2012b; 2015a). This 'complementiser-drop' is restricted in some dialects of northern Salento (provinces of Taranto and Brindisi), where *cu* is optionally dropped when there is subject coreferentiality between the matrix and embedded clause (see (58) above). This process takes place most frequently with the verb 'want' (Calabrese 1992:81–2n.8; Vecchio 2010:321). In central-southern Salento, on the other hand, *cu* may be dropped independently of the coreferentiality of the subjects:

- (154) *Tocca (cu) mme ndi au te pressa.*  
 be.necessary.3SG (CU) me from.there= go.1SG of hurry  
 'It is necessary that I leave in a hurry.'

(Sal., Lecce, Ledgeway 2012b:461)

As can be seen in this example, in these varieties the matrix verb does not necessarily have to be 'want'. Indeed, our informant from Lequile allows C-drop with all three predicates under examination:

- (155) a. *Pozzu ccuntu lu dialettu.*  
 can.1SG speak.1SG the dialect  
 'I can speak the dialect.'  
 b. *Decidu bbau a Lecce.*  
 decide.1SG go.1SG to Lecce  
 'I decide to go to Lecce.'  
 c. *Finiscu ppriparu li pasticciotti.*  
 finish.1SG prepare.1SG the pasticciotti  
 'I finish preparing the pasticciotti.'

(Sal., Lequile (LE))

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<sup>19</sup> *Sã* can however be dropped when used in a main clause (optative/exclamative use), resulting in V-to-C, see (21) and (22) above.

*Cu*-drop therefore does not differentiate between complements to functional and lexical verbs, and is arguably a phonological rather than syntactic absence of the CP (Ledgeway 2012b). It therefore does not constitute proof that *cu* is a CP in all these complements.

### 5.13 Conclusions

The results are summarised in table 2:

Table 2.2 Irrealis complement sizes in USIDs, Romanian, southern Calabrian, & Salentino (A = aspectual, M = modal, L = lexical verb, % = variation, ✓ = grammatical, \* = ungrammatical)

Complement type	USID <i>che/inf</i>			Ro. <i>să</i>			SCal. <i>mu</i>			Sal. <i>cu</i>		
	A	M	L	A	M	L	A	M	L	A	M	L
Future T	*	*	✓	*	✓	✓	*	*	✓	*	*	✓
Perf. Aux.	*	*	*	*	✓	✓	*	-	✓	*	*	✓
Cl. cl	✓	✓	*	✓%	✓%	*	✓	✓	*	✓%	*	*
Neg	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓%	✓%	✓	✓	✓	✓
NPI	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	*	✓	✓	✓	?	?	*
WH	*	*	*	✓	✓	✓	*	*	✓	*	*	*
LAS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
HAS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tough	✓	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	✓	✓	✓
Left Per.	*	*	*%	✓	✓	✓	*	*	✓	*	*	✓
Other C	*	*	*	✓	✓	✓	*	*	✓	*	*	*
CP-focus	*	*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	?	✓	*	✓inf	*
CP pron.	*	*	✓	*	*	*	*	*	✓	*	*	✓
CP extraction	*	*	✓	✓	✓	✓	*	*	✓	*	*	*
Particle drop	-	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	✓%	✓%	✓%

As can be seen immediately from this table, the varieties do not pattern alike. Furthermore, the irrealis complementiser within some varieties does not always head complements with the same properties. The notion of ‘irrealis complementiser’ thus refers to a spurious category and does not represent the same structure cross-linguistically.

In Verbicarese, the modal invariably selects a reduced infinitival complement, which has no independent tense. Restructuring is shown by obligatory negator raising and possible clitic climbing. Furthermore, the left periphery is absent. The non-CP status of the complement of *putwí* is also confirmed by the ungrammaticality of *wh*-extraction, fronting and pronominalisation of the complement. The presence of the left periphery, on the other hand, could indicate the phasal (i.e. *vP*) status of the complement, which is not the case with *putwí*. Two tests however seem to indicate slightly bigger complements: the possibility of having some HAS adverbs and independent negation. The latter is not necessarily problematic, if we assume different negation-related heads along the clausal spine. The adverbs seem to indicate that both complements to *putwí* and *fəni* have some functional structure and are bigger than bare VPs. *Decide* on the other hand, selects a

full clausal complement, whether finite or non-finite, with independent tense, independent negation and a fully-fledged left periphery. Clitic climbing is indeed impossible, and all adverbs can occur in the complement clause. The difference between the subjunctive and the infinitival complement has to do with control, as the non-finite complement is necessarily OC.

The Verbicarese data do not comply with the widely accepted analysis, advocated mainly by Ledgeway (2003; 2005; 2006; 2016b), according to which the realis complementiser lexicalises Force, whereas the irrealis complementiser is located in Fin. The irrealis complementiser *cchə* normally precedes topic and focus constituents. I therefore conclude that *cchə* can move to Force to activate the topic and focus fields (cf. Old Italo-Romance varieties as discussed by Ledgeway 2005).

The result of the tests discussed in this section for Romanian seem to confirm that in all *să*-complements there is an IP-layer present, which can host inflection, negation and clitics, as well as perfective auxiliaries. The results of the tests for the CP-layer are contradictory. Whereas *wh*-elements and complementisers are possible even with modals, the CP does not always block NPI licensing in the lower clause. We can assume that this is partly determined by lexical factors, as in Standard Italian. The tense properties are different for different complement clauses and depend on the selectional restrictions of the main verb. I conclude that all *să*-clauses are CPs, with *să* as the Fin head. A similar conclusion is reached by Nicolae (2016), who argues that *să*-complements to modals are full CPs. The transparency differences can be accounted for in terms of defective phasehood (cf. Alboiu 2006; Gallego 2010). Subjunctive complements constitute defective phases (Gallego 2010:163) and thus allow certain dependencies to take place across phase boundaries.

The Calabrian varieties of Bova Marina and Nicotera do not always pattern alike, as Bovesè allows negation in all complements, whereas Nicoterese does not. Second, Bovesè allows clitic climbing out of *mu*-clauses, whereas Nicoterese does not. For other tests, the results are the same: both varieties allow focus fronting only with control verbs; they never allow particle drop; and they disallow CP-topicalisation or CP-fronting with modals. We therefore conclude that *mu* is acategorial and can head different sizes of complements, realising *v*-, T- and C-related positions depending on the matrix verb selecting the *mu*-clause.

For Salentino, we do find properties that systematically differ between complement types. Clitic climbing is possible only with restructuring verbs (but with variation across varieties); perfective auxiliaries cannot be used in restructuring contexts; the left periphery is only present for the verbs that select propositional complements; and particle drop is only possible with restructuring verbs. Similarly, the fronting to the left periphery of complements does not seem possible with any *cu*-complement.

Although irrealis complementation across Romance seems very similar at first glance, I conclude that there is a considerable difference between USIDs and Romanian on the one hand,

and Salentino and Calabrian on the other. In Romanian, subjunctives are always FinPs, where ForceP (*ca*) can be optionally realised. In contrast, in Salentino and Calabrian the size of the subjunctive complement depends on the verb that selects it. The CP-layer is not projected when the subjunctive clause is selected by modals or aspectual verbs; it is present instead with control verbs and desideratives. This can be interpreted as a difference in syntactic finiteness: when the complement is a CP, there is greater syntactic autonomy, with independent tense, an independent discourse-related left periphery and the possibility of having non-controlled as well as controlled complements.

## 6. Subject positions

The position between the embedded verb and *să/cu/mu* is unavailable for the subject, such that the preverbal subject necessarily precedes *să/cu/mu*.<sup>20</sup> In Romanian, the preverbal subject triggers the presence of the complementiser *ca*:

- (156) *Vreau (ca Ion) să (\*Ion) vină.*  
 want.1SG that Ion SA Ion come.SBJV.3SG  
 'I want Ion to come.'

(Ro.)

- (157) *Oyyu lu Maryu ku (\*lu Maryu) bbene krai.*

<sup>20</sup> There are exceptions: some varieties show preverbal subjects following *mu*, such as the dialect of Soveria-Manelli (i), Platania (ii), and Messina (iii):

- (i) *E' magliu mu 'u nidu se rende cchiù comitu.*  
 be.3SG better MU the nest REFL=make.3SG more comfortable  
 'It is better if the nest is made more comfortable.'  
 (SCal., Soveria-Manelli (CZ), Roberts & Roussou 2002:92n.7)
- (ii) *Vɔ'lera mu 'hrati-ta unn ej'fera.*  
 want.COND.1SG MU brother=your not kill.COND.3SG  
 'I would like for your brother not to kill.'  
 (SCal., Platania (CZ), Manzini & Savoia 2005:664)
- (iii) *Voli mi Mariu leggi u libbru.*  
 want.3SG MU Mario read.3SG the book  
 'He wants Mario to read the book.'

(Sic., Messinese, De Angelis 2013:29)

The varieties in (i) and (ii) arguably belong to transitional areas in the northern part of the area characterised by the presence of *mu*-clauses. This is confirmed by other word order deviations, e.g. negation following *mu* (see footnote 6), reduplication of *mu* (Conflenti and Gizzeria, cf. Manzini & Savoia 2005:663-4) or the use of other tenses than the present in the *mu*-clause (Gizzeria, cf. Manzini & Savoia 2005:664). All these properties seem to indicate that in the dialects of this transitional area, *mu* can appear in a higher position than in the other dialects. It might be the case that *mu* appears with syntax of *che* (Roberts & Roussou 2003:92n.7, citing A. Ledgeway).

want.1SG the Mario CU the Mario come.3SG tomorrow

'I want Mario to come tomorrow.'

(Sal., Campi Salentina (LE), Calabrese 1992:277)

(158) *Vogghiu lu diavulu mu (\*lu diavulu) ti mangia.*

want.1SG the devil MU the devil you=eat.3SG

'I want the devil to eat you.'

(SCal., Ledgey 1998:24)

This is not the case for the USIDs,<sup>21</sup> where preverbal subjects precede the irrealis complementiser:

(159) *Libero vulwera cchə Ccarmela vānerədə a Bbrāvəcarə.*

Libero want.COND.3SG that Carmela come.COND.3SG to Verbicaro

'Libero wants Carmela to come to Verbicaro.'

(USIDs, Verbicaro (CS))

In Romanian, Salentino and Calabrian, a postverbal subject position is also available:

(160) *Vreau să vină Ion.*

want.1SG SA comes.SBJV.3SG Ion

'I want Ion to come.'

(Ro.)

(161) *La mamma ole cu ne mangia tre fiusa.*

the mother want.3SG CU PART=eat.3SG three son=her

'The mother wants that her son eats three.'

(Sal., Campi Salentina (LE))

(162) *Vogghiu mi si pigghia i feri me soru.*

want.1SG MU REFL take.3SG the holidays my sister

'I want my sister to take time off.'

(SCal., Bova Marina (RC))

<sup>21</sup> In some ESIDs a preverbal subject triggers the presence of the indicative complementiser *ca*, such as Francovilla Fontana (Vecchio 2010:319); the same is attested with some speakers of Bovesè (Squillaci, p.c.). Crucially, however, *cu* and *mu/ma/mi* are always dropped in this case, unlike Romanian *să*.

Interestingly, the most neutral word order in these complements is VOS rather than VSO. For discussion of the structural position of this postverbal subject and how it is derived, see Groothuis (2019).

The preverbal position could be analysed as the ‘canonical’ position, i.e. what we conventionally call [spec,TP] (cf. AgrSP in Cardinaletti’s (2004) overview), or a higher position somewhere in the C(omplementiser) domain of the clause (for instance, TopicP). If the subject is located in [spec,TP], we are forced to conclude that the particle is also located in the I-domain. If on the other hand, the subject is located higher than that, the particle might also be in the C- or I-domain. The position of the subject can therefore shed further light on the question of the clause size of the Balkan-style subjunctive when selected by a lexical control verb. Note that the other two verb classes (aspectuals, modals) do not allow disjoint subjects, and will therefore be left out of the discussion. It will be shown that preverbals subjects are topics rather than ‘normal’ subjects in [spec,TP], which seems unavailable in these varieties. Data have been collected from two speakers of the dialect of Campi Salentina (LE), Bova Marina (RC) and Romanian.

The preverbal subject position will be tested first by trying to formulate a sentence with a *mu* or *cu* complement where the subject precedes the verb (and thus *mu* and *cu*) and where the object is in FocP (so preceding the verb as well).

(163) [Force [Top\* [Int [Top\* [Foc [Top\* [Mod [Top\* [Fin [IP ...]]]]]]]]]]]

(Rizzi & Bocci 2017:8)

(164)a. *Oiu LU VINU RUSSU cu porta la Carla e none cuiggiu biancu.*

want.1SG the wine red CU bring.3SG the Carla and NEG that white

b. *Oiu la Carla LU VINU RUSSU (\*la Carla) cu porta e none cuiggiu biancu.*

want.1SG the Carla the wine red the Carla CU bring.3SG and NEG that white

‘I want Carla to bring the red wine, not the white one.’

(Sal., Campi Salentina (LE))

Example (164a) shows that there is a focus position preceding *cu* to which an object with contrastive focus can move. (164b) tells us that we can have a subject preceding the focused object (but crucially not following it) and *cu*, which shows that the preverbal subject should not be taken to be in specTP, but in a left-peripheral position. We are therefore forced to conclude that a subject preceding *cu* is a left-peripheral subject. If we assume that there is a maximum of one focus position in the left periphery (but cf. Cruschina (2012), who argues for different types of focus), the preverbal subject is a topic (*pace* Calabrese 1992:277-8; cf. Damonte 2011:237; Squillaci 2016:152).

The test with the focalised object does not seem to work in Bovesè. No focus fronting of the object is possible in a *mi*-clause, as can be seen in the following example, where it can only occur in a lower focus position and not in the left periphery:

- (165) *Nci dissi (\*a pasta) mi si mangia a pasta no a pizza.*  
 to.him=say.PRET.1SG the pasta MUREFL=eat.3SG the pasta NEG the pizza  
 'I told him to eat the pasta, not the pizza.'

(SCal., Bova Marina (RC))

Even if *mi* changes into *chi*, a preverbal focus position is not available for the object:

- (166) *\*?Voliva c' U VINU RUSSU portavi Carla, no u iancu.*  
 want.IPFV.1SG that the wine red bring.IPFV.3SG Carla NEG the white  
 'I wish that Carla brought the red wine, not the white one.'

(SCal., Bova Marina (RC))

In Romanian, the preverbal subject can either precede or follow the fronted object:

- (167) *Vreau ca (Ana) vinul roșu (Ana) să aducă, nu pe cel alb.*  
 want.1SG that Ana wine.DET red Ana SA bring.SBJV.3SG NEG DOM that.one white  
 'I want Ana to bring the red wine, not the white one.'

(Ro.)

When the subject precedes the focused object, it receives a topic interpretation, as in Salentino. Instead, when it follows the object, it is perceived as an information focus, and the object is interpreted as a contrastive topic. Preverbal subjects in Romanian can thus be marked both as a topic and focus.

Furthermore, if the subject is in a topic position, we expect it to show sensitivity to restrictions on which kinds of DPs can be topicalised (Sheehan 2007). Indeed, non-referential subjects such as 'nobody' or 'somebody' are not acceptable as a preverbal subject:

- (168) a. *Oiu ca cuarchetunu catti nu ricalu.*  
 want.1SG that someone buy.3SG a present  
 b. *\*Oiu cuarchetunu cu catti nu ricalu.*  
 want.1SG someone CU buy.3SG a present  
 'I want someone to buy a present.'

(Sal., Campi Salentina (LE))

- (169) *Oiu (\*ceddhi) cu nu sape ceddhi lu segretu miu.*  
 want.1SG nobody CU NEG knows nobody the secret my

(Sal., Campi Salentina (LE))

- (170) a. *\*Vogghiu carcunu mi catta nu regalu.*  
 want.1SG someone MU buy.3SG a present  
 'I want someone to buy a present.'

- b. *Speru chi carcunu u catta nu regalu.*  
 hope.1SG that someone it=buy.3SG a present  
 'I hope that someone buys a present.'

(SCal., Bova Marina (RC))

- (171) a. *Vogghiu (\*nuddu) non mi vai nuddu a festa*  
 want.1SG nobody NEG MU go.3SG nobody to party  
 b. *Vogghiu chi nuddu vai a festa.*  
 want.1SG that nobody go.3SG to party  
 'I want that nobody goes to the party.'

(SCal., Bova Marina (RC))

- (172) a. *Vreau ca cineva să aducă vinul pentru petrecere.*  
 want.1SG that somebody SA bring.SBJV.3SG wine.DET for party  
 'I want someone to bring the wine for the party.'  
 b. *Vreau vinul roșu cineva să-l aducă, nu pe cel alb.*  
 want.1SG wine red somebody SA=it bring.SBJV.3SG not DOM that.one white  
 'I want that someone brings the red wine, not the white one.'

(Ro.)

The impossibility of *cuarchetunu* 'someone', *ceddhi* 'nobody', *nuddu* 'nobody' and *carcunu* 'someone' as a preverbal subject of a clause introduced by *cu* and *mi* respectively, confirms our analysis of the embedded preverbal subject being a topic. The sentence can be saved by replacing *mi* with *chi* and *cu* with *ca*, as shown in (170). The finite complementiser *chi* does not pose restrictions on the type of subject unlike *mi*, and licenses the canonical spec,TP preverbal subject position. With *să*-clauses, there is no such restriction, showing once more that the preverbal subject can be both focus and topic.

In Salentino, the preverbal subject position seems dispreferred when the subject is not human; the sentences with *ca* are preferred in these cases. If that is because of the topic-status of

the preverbal position, we expect the postverbal position to be more acceptable, which is indeed the case:

- (173) a. ?*Lu pastore ole (?le pecure) cu se mangiane l'erva (le pecure).*  
the shepherd want.3SG the sheep CU REFL=eat3.PL the grass the sheep  
'The shepherd wants the sheep to eat the grass.'
- b. ?*Mamma ole (\*lu cane) cu spiccia te baiare (lu cane).*  
mother want.3SG the dog CU stop.3SG of bark.INF the dog  
'Mother wants the dog to stop barking.'

(Sal., Campi Salentina (LE))

Within the typological literature, a relation between animacy and topicality has been established. Topicality seems to be closely related to animacy (Comrie 1989:199–200). If the subject is located in [spec,TopP] we expect that human subjects are more acceptable than non-human ones and the results given in (173) can be explained. A similar contrast would not be easily accounted for if we assume the subject to be located in [spec,TP].

On the basis of word order evidence and restrictions on the type of subject, it can be concluded that the preverbal subject in a Balkan-style subjunctive is located in a topic or focus position and not in a subject position located in the I-domain (see also Damonte 2011:237; Squillaci 2016:152). The complements which can have a lexicalised preverbal subject are therefore necessarily CPs.

## 7. Finiteness and functional structure: conclusions

From a series of tests carried out in §5, it has emerged that the irrealis subordinator or complementiser is a spurious category. Only USID *che/chi* and Romanian *să* can be analysed as regular complementisers, as they occupy ForceP and FinP respectively, independently of the matrix verb that selects them. However, for *cu* and *mu* such a unified analysis cannot be maintained. It has been shown that they occupy a *v*-related position when selected by aspectuals, a T-related position when selected by modals, and FinP when selected by lexical control verbs. This makes the latter two 'complementisers' more similar to the infinitival complementisers *AD/DE*, which can also occupy different positions along the clausal spine.

The main question of this chapter was whether the different degrees of finiteness (i.e. complements to functional/restructuring verbs vs lexical control verb complements) correlate with a difference in clause size. There does indeed seem to be a correlation in the Romance

languages with infinitival complementation headed by AD/DE and Salentino and southern Calabrian. Here, restructured complements are necessarily non-finite and show related properties, such as transparency effects and restricted tense. However, the Romanian data are crucial at this point. Independently of the matrix verb selecting a subjunctive complement, *să* always introduces a CP (at least up until Fin). We are therefore forced to conclude that finiteness does not correlate with clause size cross-linguistically. That the complements of aspectual verbs, modal verbs and lexical control verbs have different degrees of finiteness is shown by the tests which focus on the temporal properties of the verb, as well as transparency tests such as Neg raising. These tests distinguish between three different classes of complements, as shown in Table 2. However, the focus and extraction properties of all these complements invariably show that these are CPs. Across the different Romance varieties, we cannot establish a correlation between finiteness and clause structure. The fact that in Romanian all *să*-complements are of the same size but nonetheless show differences in the level of finiteness, is unexpected given the uniformity principle (Chomsky 2001). One would expect that irrealis non-finite structures selected by a certain class of matrix verbs correspond to the same structures cross-linguistically, contrary to fact.

The results of this chapter raise questions more generally about the syntax-semantics interface. It has been shown that the same semantics need not be mapped onto the same syntactic structure. This is shown for instance by the different realisations of a complement to a modal such as ‘can’: the meaning does not differ across the languages, but the complement structure does. The complement is reduced in Verbicarese, Salentino and Calabrian. In Romanian, on the other hand, it can be realised both as a FinP/full CP when headed by *să*, or as a vP when infinitival (cf. Nicolae 2016). In other Romance languages, where the modal invariably selects an infinitive, the complement is a restructuring (and thus reduced) complement. It thus seems that inactivation of present functional structure or complete absence of functional structure does not lead to any difference at LF.

Within the cartographic approach, specifically, it is assumed that the sequence of functional heads is universal, and partly determined through semantics (Cinque & Rizzi 2015:77). The different realisations of the complement to a modal like ‘can’ constitute a problem for cartographic enterprises because the same semantics do not map onto the same structure. More specifically, since Cinque’s (2004) seminal paper on restructuring, it is thought that functional verbs are directly merged into the inflectional domain and their complement is merged in the lexical domain of the same clause. This is in line with what we have concluded for Salentino and southern Calabrian, but does not account for the Romanian data, where *să*-clauses are invariably CPs. Furthermore, *să*-clauses do not all have the same (morpho)syntactic properties, especially with regards to tense and person licensing. There are a few possible views on the CP-sized *să*-clauses in Romanian. It could be the case that a part of the functional sequence is missing (such as

the heads relating to tense properties), or that the functional heads are present but somehow they have been rendered 'inactive'. This second alternative would be in line with the strong cartographic view (Cinque 2006:4; Cinque & Rizzi 2015:68), according to which the full clausal spine is always projected. Romanian would then be a very antieconomic language, realising a series of functional heads which are inactive or 'unnecessary'. Similarly, it could be proposed that *să* is a syncretic head (Giorgi & Pianesi 1996), lexicalising a series of functional heads, including those that are unavailable or inactive. However, the fact that the adverbs related to most functional heads can be realised would argue against the syncretic view. The conclusion must therefore be that Romanian *să*-clauses are CPs which contain a series of inaccessible heads, rendering them less finite (cf. discussion in chapter 5).

Finally, it has been shown in the last part of the present chapter that the preverbal subject position in the Balkan-style subjunctive is within the CP. The subject is thus always pragmatically marked, and whenever the subject is expressed preverbally, the clause is necessarily a CP. The verb movement and subject positions of the Balkan-style subjunctive and other less finite forms will be discussed further in chapter 4.



### 3. Changes in finiteness: irrealis complementisers from Latin to Romance

#### 1. Introduction

As discussed in chapter 2, many historical and modern Romance varieties are characterised by the presence of a dual (or multiple) complementiser system, where one of the two (or three) complementisers marks 'irrealis' mood. These irrealis complementisers do not constitute a homogenous group, but rather a spurious category: whereas Romanian *să* consistently lexicalises Fin, Salentino *cu* and southern Calabrian *mu/mi/ma* can appear in different positions along the clausal spine, depending on the matrix verb selecting them. USID *che*, by contrast, can lexicalise Fin and Force depending on the variety. There is thus no cross-linguistic correlation between clause size and finiteness. The present chapter studies the diachrony of these irrealis subordinators. None of these was originally used as such, and in the case of Romanian *să*, Salentino *cu* and southern Calabrian *mu/mi/ma*, their emergence correlates with the replacement of a morphologically non-finite verb form (viz. the infinitive) with a morphologically apparently finite form (viz. the subjunctive). These particular irrealis clauses have been taken to be exponents of different degrees and types of finiteness. The diachrony of the irrealis complementisers is thus closely connected to the diachrony of morphosyntactic finiteness.

For some of these irrealis subordinators, the etymology proves relatively uncontroversial: Ro. *să* is argued to derive from the Latin irrealis *si* 'if' (Sandfeld 1930:173; Herman 1963:63; Jordan 2009:25; Nicolae 2015; Zafiu et al. 2016), USID *chi/che* from *QUOD/QUID* '(because >) that, what' (Rohlf's 1969:188; Ledgeway 2003; 2016b:1018), and Sal. *cu* from *QUOD* 'that' (Rohlf's 1969:191; Loporcaro 1997a:337; Mancarella 1998). However, the etymology of SCal. *mu/mi/ma* is still a matter of debate (Sorrento 1951:369ff.; Rohlf's 1969:192–3; Ledgeway 1998:20; Roberts & Roussou 2003:88; De Angelis 2013; 2015; Squillaci 2016:170–3). The questions to be explored in this chapter concern the origin of these complementisers and in particular how they developed. Do they show a similar grammaticalisation path, even if they have different sources (viz. adverbs, complementisers)? For the southern Italian complementisers *mu* and *cu* a unified analysis has been proposed, according to which both have *QUOMODO* 'how' (< *QUO* 'which.ABL.SG' + *MODO* 'way.ABL.SG') as their etymological basis, with the former eliding *QUO*- and the latter *-MODO* (Bertoni 1905; 1916, *apud* De Angelis 2016:77n.8). This chapter will review and compare the merits of this hypothesis with those of competing hypotheses regarding the etyma of *cu* and *mu*.

A related question that this chapter will address regards the change in the structural position of these complementisers. For instance, *să* comes from Latin *si* ‘if’, which was an irrealis and conditional complementiser and therefore presumably occupied a high position within the C-domain (cf. Rizzi (2001) on the position of Italian *se* ‘if’ as the lexicalisation of the head of IntP between ForceP and FocusP). However, in Modern Romanian it occupies a relatively low position, which has been identified as Fin in the previous chapter. Does the development of the irrealis complementiser present us with a case of downward grammaticalisation, which has been argued to be impossible (Roberts & Roussou 2003)?

Throughout this chapter, complementation patterns will be discussed based on the distinction between three complement types: realis, irrealis, and factive. This is a distinction in *modality* of the complement, which “is concerned with the status of the proposition that describes the event” (Palmer 1986:1). Irrealis modality refers to events that have not (yet) taken place, and irrealis complements are neither presupposed nor asserted. Realis events on the other hand, have or will take place, and realis complements are usually asserted by the speaker or by the main clause subject (Hooper & Thompson 1973). Finally, factive modality indicates that the speaker holds the content of the sentence for a fact and is presupposed by the speaker (Kiparsky & Kiparsky 1968; Hooper & Thompson 1973). Crosslinguistically, modality can be marked lexically through complementisers, verbal mood and modal particles (Palmer 1986:4), as well as through syntactic devices such as verb movement or subject positions (Ledgeway & Lombardi 2014).

The chapter is structured as follows: first, in §2 an overview of complementation in Classical Latin will be given, after which the changes in later stages of Latin will be discussed. In §3 the diachrony of irrealis complementisers will be described in terms of grammaticalisation paths, starting with Romance varieties that do not have a dual complementiser system. After that, I will discuss the diachrony of USID *che*, Salentino *cu* and southern Calabrian *mu*, and Romanian *să*. §4 concludes the chapter, discussing the changes in finiteness caused by the rise of new irrealis complementation patterns.

## 2. Complementation in Latin

### 2.1 Classical Latin

Classical Latin displayed four major types of sentential complementation: clauses with non-finite verb forms (mostly infinitives), finite clauses with factive complementisers and subjunctive complementisers; infinitival complements to functional verbs (§2.1.4); and indirect questions (§2.1.5) (Vincent 1988:66–67; Baños Baños 2009:526–7). These first three types roughly

correspond to realis (§2.1.1), factive (§2.1.2) and irrealis (§2.1.3) complements respectively, but there is no exact one-to-one correspondence, as we shall see below.

### 2.1.1 Realis complements

The most frequent realis complementation pattern in Classical Latin is the *Accusativus cum Infinitivo* (henceforth *AcI*), i.e. an infinitival clause with accusative-marked subject (Baños Baños 2009: 528), as in (1):

- (1) *Omnes Belgas, [quam tertiam esse Galliae partem] dixeramus.*  
 all.ACC Belgae.ACC, which.ACC third.ACC be.INF Gaul.GEN part.ACC say.PLPRF.1PL  
 ‘All the Belgae, which we had said it were a third part of Gaul.’  
 (Lat., Caes. *Gall.* 2.1.1)

Its use is typical of those verbs that normally select a proposition (Vincent 1988:67; Bošković 1997:13). The *AcI* is attested mostly (but not exclusively) in *realis* complements: it is frequently subcategorised for especially by declarative and perception verbs (Ernout & Thomas 1953:321; Baños Baños 2009:528).

The infinitive of the *AcI* is marked for aspect and tense (e.g. *amare* ‘to love’ vs. *amavisse* ‘to have loved’ vs. *amaturus esse* ‘to be about to love’), cf. (2) and (3) (Ernout & Thomas 1953:326; Cuzzolin 1994a; Greco 2008; Baños Baños 2009:529; Jøhndal 2012:61ff.).

- (2) *Ait [venisse illum in somnis ad se mortuom].*  
 say.PR.3SG come.PR.3SG he.ACC in dreams.ABL to REFL dead.ACC  
 ‘S/he said that dead one had come to him in his sleep.’  
 (Lat., Pl. *Mos.* 490, *apud* Jøhndal 2012:62)

- (3) *Is ait [se mihi allaturum cum argento marsupium].*  
 he say.PR.3SG REFL.ACC me.DAT bring.PTC.FUT with money.ABL wallet.ACC  
 ‘He said he would bring the wallet with the money.’  
 (Lat., Pl. *Men.* 1043, *apud* Jøhndal 2012:62)

The expression of the subject in an *AcI* is obligatory according to prescriptive grammars. It is indeed more frequent than the nominative subject in a finite subordinate clause, partly to mark the clause as subordinate, as it is not marked by an overt complementiser (Ernout & Thomas 1953:322; Cecchetto & Oniga 2002; Baños Baños 2009:529; Ledgeway 2012a:157). However, the

subject can be dropped when the context allows for the correct interpretation (Hofmann & Szantyr 1972:362). Jøhndal (2012: 64) reports statistics according to which pro drop occurs in around 30% of *AcI*s in early Latin and is more likely when the predicate features agreement (e.g. on participles (cf. De Melo 2007)). When it is coreferential with the matrix verb, the accusative subject is usually expressed by a reflexive pronoun (see e.g. (3)). The *AcI* is thus used in uncontrolled sentences, as the subject can but need not coincide with the matrix subject.

Finally, a finite clause headed by *quod* (typically used as a factive complementiser, cf. §2.1.2) is also found with realis complements selected by *verba dicendi* and *sciendi*, albeit quite rarely and in colloquial style (Baños Baños 2009:550). As will be discussed below in §2.2, more cases begin to appear with post-classical writers.

### 2.1.2 Factive complements

Some types of finite complement clause are introduced by the erstwhile causal conjunctions *quod* or *quia*, ‘because (of the fact that), that’, which were originally the neuter singular of the relative pronoun and the neuter plural of the interrogative pronoun, respectively, but which developed into factive complementisers. They can substitute the *AcI* introducing several types of complements in Classical Latin (Ernout & Thomas 1953:294; Vincent 1988:67; Pinkster 1990:71; Cuzzolin 1994a; 1994b; Baños Baños 2009:552–56). In these complements, the verb can appear both in the indicative and subjunctive (Ernout & Thomas 1953:298). *Quod* is more frequent than *quia*, which is still very rare as a complementiser in Classical Latin (Hofmann & Szantyr 1972:577). An example of a factive complement headed by *quod* is given in (4):

- (4) *Sane gaudeo quod te interpellavi.*  
 indeed rejoice.1SG that you.SG.ACC interrupt.PRF.1SG  
 ‘I am indeed happy that I have interrupted you.’

(Lat., Cic. *Leg.* 3.1)

With factive verbs, the *quod*-clause is ambiguous between a complement and an adjunct: the complement clause expresses the cause of the feeling expressed by the matrix verb. In fact, in the earliest cases, the *quod*-complement is part of a proleptic construction (cf. Cuzzolin 1994a:43) in conjunction with a matrix-clause demonstrative:

- (5) *haec spectans, quod angusta re frumentaria utebatur,*  
 this.PL.ACC looking.at that short.ABL thing.ABL of.corn use.PASS.IPFV.SBJV.3SG,  
*quodque Pompeius multitudine equitum ualebat.*  
 that=and Pompeius.NOM multitude.ABL knights.GEN be.strong.IPFV.3SG

‘Viewing this, that he had a small amount of corn, and that Pompeius was strong in cavalry.’

(Lat., Caes. *Civ.* 3.43.3, *apud* Adams 2005:196)

Apart from a finite complement, factive verbs can also select an *AcI*, as in (6), or a bare infinitival complement (the so-called *prolative* infinitive, see (7)):

- (6) *Saluom te advenire gaudeo.*  
 healthy.ACC you.ACC arrive.INF rejoice.1SG  
 ‘I rejoice that you arrive safe and sound.’

(Lat., Plaut. *Bacch.* 456, *apud* Baños Baños 2009:525)

- (7) *Ab quivis homine. beneficium accipere gaudeas.*  
 from any man.ABL service.ACC accept.INF rejoice.SBJV.2SG  
 ‘You would be glad to accept a service from any man.’

(Lat., Ter. *Ad.* 254 *apud* Ernout & Thomas 1953:258)

However, already in Classical Latin, finite complements are more frequent with factive verbs than the *AcI* (Ernout & Thomas 1953:297; Hofmann & Szantyr 1972:579; Baños Baños 2009:552). The fact that the *AcI* could also be used here shows that the *AcI* is not dependent on the meaning of the matrix verb: assertion, factivity or (ir)realis modality do not play a role. It is thus the most versatile and least marked complementation structure in Classical Latin.

### 2.1.3 Irrealis complements

There are two types of finite irrealis complement clauses (Ernout & Thomas 1953:299–300; Hofmann & Szantyr 1972:644–47; Baños Baños 2009:536–37): consecutive clauses, introduced by *ut*, whose negative counterpart is *ut non*, and final clauses headed by *ut* or its negative counterpart *ne*. *Ut* and *ne* can also head an adjunct clause with the same final and consecutive meanings. The first type of complement introduced by *ut* follows impersonal, one-place verbs (Baños Baños 2009:536). The second, much more frequent type appears mostly with verbs selecting an irrealis complement. The distinction is justified both syntactically and semantically, as can be seen in the negative counterparts for these complements. Both types are followed by a verb in the subjunctive.

*Ut* can be dropped (Ernout & Thomas 1953:300; Hofmann & Szantyr 1972:530; Pinkster 1990:125; Baños Baños 2009:541–44), which is considered by some a trace of an older paratactic

stage (Ernout & Thomas 1953:300; Hofmann & Szantyr 1972:530). However, Baños Baños (2009: 541ff.) convincingly argues against a paratactic analysis of the subjunctive complements without *ut*, since the phenomenon is very frequent throughout the history of Latin and in many of its daughter languages, e.g. Italian, Salentino (see chapter 2). This C(omplementiser)-drop is found after irrealis verbs expressing desire or orders, or deontic impersonal verbs or the imperative *fac* ‘do!’:

- (8) *Tu uellem ego uel cuperem adesses.*  
 you.NOM want.SBJV.1SG I.NOM or wish.SBJV.IPFV.1SG be.present.SBJV.IPFV.2SG  
 ‘You, I wish, or better, I desire, to be here.’  
 (Lat., Cic. *Att.* 2,18,4 *apud* Baños Baños 2009:541)

C-drop is not attested with impersonal factive verbs selecting *ut* or factive verbs selecting *quod* (Baños Baños 2009:542). This is reminiscent of the situation found in Standard Romance, where *que/che* can only be dropped when it heads an irrealis complement clause with a verb in the subjunctive, future or conditional.

Complement clauses introduced by *ut* look very similar to final and consecutive adjuncts because they are headed by the same element. However, they differ syntactically as complements are selected, whereas adjuncts are not. Second, *ut* can only be dropped when it heads a complement clause, but not an adjunct (Pinkster 1990:125). Third, in the case of a complement clause, the embedded subject must be controlled by a matrix argument. This restriction does not hold for adjuncts introduced by *ut* (Pinkster 1990:125; Baños Baños 2009:539).

Irrealis complements can also be morphologically non-finite, taking the form of an *AcI*:

- (9) *Caesar [ex castris equitatem educi] iubet.*  
 Caesar out camps.ABL cavalry.ACC lead.out.INF.PASS order.3SG  
 ‘Caesar orders the cavalry to be led out of the camps.’  
 (Lat., Caes. *Gall.* 7,13,1 *apud* Baños Baños 2009:528)

In some cases, however, the choice between an *AcI* and a finite complement causes a change in meaning from realis to irrealis, as, e.g., with verbs of saying, which can be followed by an *AcI* when they have declarative, propositional meaning, but also by *ut* and a verb in the subjunctive mood when they have a jussive, irrealis interpretation:

- (10) a. *Thales [...] aquam dixit esse initium rerum.*  
 Thales water.ACC say.PRF.3SG be.INF beginning.ACC things.GEN  
 ‘Thales said that water was the origin/beginning of everything.’

(Lat., Cic. *Nat. deor.* 1.25 *apud* Baños Baños 2009:525)

- b. *Dicam tuis, ut eum, si uelint, describant.*  
 say.FUT.1SG yours.DAT that him.ACC if want.SBJV.3PL describe.SBJV  
 ‘I will tell your men to describe him, if they wish.’

(Lat., Cic. *Fam.* 12.17.2 *apud* Baños Baños 2009:525)

In general, many Latin verbs allow a range of different types of complements (cf. Baños Baños 2009:525; Horrocks 2011:134-137 for examples).

Finally, when selected by control verbs, the irrealis complement clause can be instantiated by an infinitive. This use of the infinitive as a verbal complement is traditionally referred to as the *prolative* infinitive (Vincent 1988:69; Horrocks 2011:138). Within this category however, a distinction needs to be drawn between verbs that select infinitival CP-complements (control verbs) and those which subcategorise for reduced infinitival complements (modal, aspectual and raising verbs). Infinitival complements therefore do not form a homogeneous category in Latin, as in Romance. An example of a control verb with an infinitival complement is given in (11):

- (11) *Et [...] promisit regem venenis necare.*  
 and promise.PRF.3SG king.ACC poison.ABL.PL kill.INF  
 ‘And s/he promised to kill the king with poison.’

(Lat., *Gel.* 3.8.1)

These infinitival complements to raising and control verbs differ from the *AcI* in that the subject of the former is also an argument of the matrix clause, whereas the subject of the *AcI* receives its theta-role from the embedded infinitive only. This results in different passivisation properties and restrictions on the type of the event in case of control infinitives but not with *AcI*-selecting verbs (Vincent 1988:67; Pinkster 1990:126–131; Baños Baños 2009:531). The two might however be historically related, as the object control structure, in which the infinitival subject is interpreted as the matrix object, marked accusative, has been reanalysed as an *AcI*, where that subject is an argument of the embedded infinitive (Ernout & Thomas 1953:320; Hofmann & Szantyr 1972:353; Baños Baños 2009:530; Horrocks 2011:139; Jøhndal 2012:68). See Cuzzolin (1994a:36–42) for discussion of this and other hypotheses.

#### 2.1.4 Complements to functional and raising verbs

The bare infinitive is used as a complement to a range of verbs, comprising both functional (12) and lexical verbs (§2.1.3) (Ernout & Thomas 1953:320; Hofmann & Szantyr 1972:346–7; Jøhndal

2012:51ff.). Functional verbs that select reduced infinitival complements include modals such as *volo* ‘want’, *possum* ‘be able’ (12) and raising verbs such as *videor* ‘seem’ (13) (Jøhndal 2012:51ff.):

- (12) *“at quoniam coniunx mea non potes esse, arbor eris*  
 but because wife.NOM mine.NOM NEG can.2SG be.INFtree.NOM be.FUT.2SG  
*certe” dixit “mea”.*  
 certainly say.PRF.3SG mine  
 ‘“But if you cannot be my wife, as a tree you will be definitely mine,” he said.’  
 (Lat., Ovid. *Met.* 1.556)

- (13) *Omnes videntur scire [...]*  
 all.NOM.PL see.PASS.3PL know.INF  
 ‘Everyone seems to know.’  
 (Lat., Pl. *Cist.* 112, *apud* Jøhndal 2012:64)

The matrix verb restricts the temporal reference of its complement, which is reflected in the almost complete lack of non-present infinitival forms (except for morphological perfectives, such as *novi* ‘I know’ (cf. Jøhndal 2012:64)). Apart from restrictions on tense, these complements are also restricted in their subjects since, due to their nature as raising verbs, the embedded subject necessarily coincides with the matrix subject.

### 2.1.5 Indirect interrogatives

In Classical Latin, indirect questions typically contain a verb in the subjunctive, although the indicative is attested as well in *wh*-questions (Baños Baños 2009:527–8). In the case of a simple yes/no-question, the question usually contains the interrogative particles *num* or *an*. Complex questions which propose two possible answers feature the particles *utrum ... an*, ‘whether ... or’. *Wh*-questions, on the other hand, are introduced by the *wh*-element exactly as in direct questions. As will be discussed below, all the indirect interrogative particles will be replaced by *si* ‘if’ in later stages of Latin, which happens occasionally already in Classical Latin (Martín Puente 2009:662).

## 2.2 Developments in late Latin

In the transition from Latin to Romance, the complementation and complementiser systems change quite radically. The beginnings of these changes can already be seen in late Latin: the *AcI* becomes less frequent, increasingly replaced by finite complements (§2.2.1); furthermore, *ut*

completely disappears (§2.2.2). This section will describe those developments in late Latin that will be relevant for the emergence of the Romance irrealis complementiser system.

### 2.2.1 Loss of the *AcI* and extension of the finite complementation

As noted in §2.1.2, the *AcI* was sometimes substituted by a finite clause introduced by *quod* or *quia*, even after epistemic and declarative verbs, the most prototypical and practically obligatory contexts of the *AcI*. This becomes more general in late Latin (Ernout & Thomas 1953:298–299; Herman 1963:32–37; Väänänen 1963:162; Hofmann & Szantyr 1972:578–9; Adams 2005; Adams 2011:280–81; Adams 2013; Horrocks 2011:281). In fact, in post-classical authors we find various examples of subordinate finite clauses introduced mostly by *quod* or *quia*, but also by *quoniam* or *quomodo* (Herman 1963: 32ff). The earliest examples occur in Classical Latin with *quod*. Plautus' *Asinaria* 52 is often cited as the first example of *quod* after *verba dicendi* and *sciendi* (Löfstedt 1911:117; Väänänen 1963:62; Herman 2000:88,<sup>1</sup> as well as an example from the *Bellum hispaniense* (Ernout & Thomas 1953:299; Horrocks 2011:281; Greco 2008:17):

- (14) *Equidem scio iam filius quod amet meus istanc*  
 well know.1SG already son.NOM that loves.SBJV.3SG mine.NOM that.ACC  
*meretricem.*  
 prostitute.ACC  
 'Well, I already know that my son loves that prostitute.'

(Lat., Plautus *Asin.* 52)

- (15) *Dum haec geruntur, legati Carteienses renuntiaverunt*  
 while these.PL.NOM carry.out.PASS.3PL legates from.Carteia announce.PRF.3PL  
*quod Pompeium in potestatem habent.*  
 that Pompeius.ACC in power.ACC have.SBJV.3PL  
 'While these things happened, the legates from Carteia have announced that they had Pompei in their power.'

(Lat., *Bellum Hispaniense* 36,1)

Petronius documents the first example of complements with *quia* (Baños Baños 2009:554):

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<sup>1</sup> Not everyone agrees, see Baños Baños 1998 for an alternative analysis of this sentence, according to which *quod amet* is to be interpreted as an idiomatic expression meaning 'loved one'.

- (16) *Dixi quia mustella comedit.*  
 say.PRF.1SG that weasel.NOM eat.PRF.3SG  
 'I said that a weasel ate them.'

(Lat., Petron. 46,4, *apud* Baños Baños 2009:525)

The use of *quia* emerged later than *quod*, starting with Petronius; *quoniam* appears from the 2<sup>nd</sup> century A.D. onwards (Adams 2011:280). These causal conjunctions are used as complementisers by analogy with *quod*, which had this function already in Republican times.

*Quomodo* also acquires the function of introducing complements following declarative and epistemic verbs such as *dico* 'I say' and *scio* 'I know' (cf. similar developments described by Willis (2007), Legate (2010) and Van Gelderen(2015)), but it does so relatively late, with the first examples going back to the 4<sup>th</sup> century. The majority of examples are found in authors inspired by Greek texts or translations from Greek (Löfstedt 1911:117; Herman 1963:44). A nuance of manner however remains, as can be seen in the following examples:

- (17) *videte, quomodo spiritus sanctus tamquam ex sonu unius*  
 see.2PL, how spirit.NOM holy.NOM as.if out sound.ABL one.GEN  
*vocis dicit.*  
 voice.GEN say.3SG

'You see, how the holy spirit speaks as if with a sound from one voice.'

(Lat., *Didascalia Apostolorum* 52,21, *apud* Tekavčić 1980:605)

- (18) *Viderunt oculi tui, quomodo tradidit te dominus.*  
 see.PRF.3PL eyes.NOM your.NOM, how hand.over.PRF.3SG you.ACC lord.NOM  
 'Your eyes have seen how the lord has handed you over.'

(Lat., *Optat.* 3, 10 *apud* Hofmann & Szantyr 1972:650)

When the verb does not express interrogation but has a more declarative nature, an interrogative indirect clause has a very similar meaning as a complement clause (Herman 1963:45):

- (19) *responderunt... quomodo similis arteriarum cordis est motus.*  
 reply.PRF.3PL how similar.NOM arteries.GEN heart.GEN be.3SG movement.NOM  
 'They replied ... how the movement of the arteries in the heart is similar.'

(Lat., Caelius Aurelianus (II.181), *apud* Herman 2000:89)

The use of a finite clause instead of an *AcI* only became dominant towards the end of the Empire, with the turning point being identified as 500 AD (Herman 2000:89; Wright 2011:77).

Hence, it comes as no surprise that the use of *quod* continues into many Romance varieties, as well as that of *quia* in southern Italo-Romance.

The pathway of this replacement is described by Cuzzolin (1994a; 1994b): the number of occurrences of the *AcI* started decreasing, although gradually and slowly, firstly with factive predicates, then non-assertive predicates, later semifactive predicates and finally strong assertives. The weak-assertive and non-assertive predicates changed only in a very late period, which could also be considered Romance. Indeed, it is claimed that the *AcI* never completely disappears from Latin texts (Löfstedt 1911:116; Hofmann & Szantyr 1972:576; Cuzzolin 1994a:33; Adams 2005). There is thus a stage in which *quod*-clauses and *AcI* alternate. There are two factors influencing the choice between both options (Herman 1989). Whenever the complement clause appears before the main verb, the *AcI* is practically the only possibility. VO becomes the prevalent word order, in some styles it is even exclusively used, which leads to a diminution of obligatory *AcI*, as will be discussed below. The second factor is topicality: the probability of the occurrence of a *quod/quia* clause is highest where the agent of the subordinate clause is not a topic.

Various hypotheses for the cause of the replacement of the *AcI* with finite complementation have been proposed. For instance, *quod* after epistemic and declarative verbs has been argued to be a Graecism (see e.g. Väänänen 1963: 162). However, this is not very convincing, as the use of *quod* with *verba affectuum* (factive verbs) was established from the very earliest texts before Latin came into contact with Greek (Cuzzolin 1994a; Baños Baños 2009:554–5; Clackson & Horrocks 2009:255–6). It could have easily been extended to other types of complements. Furthermore, the presence of a proleptic construction with a neuter pronoun that is explained by a relative *quod*, as in *hoc credo quod veniet* ‘I believe this, that he comes’, will have contributed to the extension of the *quod*-complement to other verbs types (Herman 1963; Cuzzolin 1994a; Adams 2005; 2011:280–281; 2013:743–45).

Following Ledgeway (2012a:238–249), I assume that the transition from the *AcI* to finite complementation is connected to a deeper, structural change: the shift from head-finality to head-initiality. Head-final orders are derived by roll-up movement, a structural operation that moves a complement to a specifier position. There are limitations on possible word order combinations: a head-initial order may select either a head-initial or head-final order, but a head-final phrase can only take a head-final complement (the Final-over-Final-Condition (FOFC), (cf. a.o. Biberauer, Holmberg & Roberts 2008; Biberauer, Holmberg & Roberts 2014; Sheehan et al. 2017). If we apply this to diachronic change in word order from head-final to head-initial (i.e. the loss of roll-up movement), we predict that this change has to occur top-down, from the C-domain to the V-domain (Ledgeway 2012a:238–239). The archaic pattern of the *AcI*, which was head-final with a phonologically empty complementiser (Cecchetto & Oniga 2002), favoured harmonic roll-up, and

was therefore replaced by the 'innovative', head-initial *quod/quia* complementation pattern. The rise of finite complementation, which is head-initial, at the expense of the head-final structure of the *AcI* is thus connected to this broader change.

The so-called prolativ infinitive does continue in complements to raising and control verbs in Romance, but in many cases, infinitival complementisers derived from AD and DE have emerged; the choice of the complementiser seems highly idiosyncratic (Ledgeway 2016b:1016), as will be discussed in §3.3 below. The bare infinitive continues with fewer verbs and shows a greater level of clause union than in Latin, giving rise to restructuring phenomena such as clitic climbing, auxiliary switch and the long passive in Romance (Rizzi 1982:chap. I; Vincent 1988:69).

### 2.2.2 Loss of $ut$

As noted in §2.1.3, *ut* was very frequently employed as a general future-oriented, irrealis complementiser. However, *ut* becomes less frequent and is eventually lost in Romance<sup>2</sup> (Vincent 1988: 68), even though there is almost no Latin text that does not feature *ut* (Herman 1963:57). The main reason for the loss of *ut* is probably of a phonological nature: final consonants, especially -t, were lost. This transforms *ut* into \*[u], a very weak element that is highly likely to disappear. Also at a semantic level, *ut* had become weak, being an unmarked complementiser (Hofmann & Szantyr 1972:632,646). This is supported by the fact that already in late Latin we see pleonastic uses of *ut*, where, following its bleaching, it is combined with other complementisers:

- (20) a. *illud nobis propositum est ut, quoniam nos impios ..*  
 this to.us.DAT proposed be.3SG that, that us.ACC irreverent.ACC  
*vocatis .. demonstrare*  
 you.call.2PL show.INF  
 ‘This has been proposed to us, that you say that we show us irreverent.’  
 (Lat., *Arnob. Nat.* 4,130, *apud* Hofmann & Szantyr 1972:650)
- b. *persuaserunt sibi ... ut, quia*  
 convince.PRF.3PL REFL.DAT ... that, that  
 ‘They convinced themselves that’  
 (Lat., *Claud. Don. Aen.* 7,45 p. 12, 11ff., *apud* Hofmann & Szantyr 1972:650)
- c. *Quoniam oportet vobis scribere ut, quoniam... , videntur ergo*

<sup>2</sup> The only traces of *ut* in Romance would be if we assume, following Roberts & Roussou (2003:94), Cal. *mu* from *MODU UT* (but see below); another supposed trace of *UT* is the Aromanian final complementiser *ta si* 'in order to', which is claimed to derive from *UT, si*. This seems unlikely as this particle has the morphological variant *tra* (M. Mavrogiorgos, p.c.). However, some Calabrian varieties have *ute/uti* for 'how?' (Meyer-Lübke 1935:758). Crucially, the complementiser *ut* does not survive into Romance.

because be.necessary.3SG you.DAT.PL write.INF that, because ..., see.PASS.3PL thus  
*mihi abluisse.. delictum.*  
 me.ABL wash.away.INF.PRF offence.ACC

‘Because you should write so that they seem thus to remove the offence off me.’

(Lat., Cypr. *Epist.* 23 p. 536, 12, *apud* Hofmann & Szantyr 1972:650)

In late Latin, final or consecutive *ut* is actually replaced by various C-elements, such as *quo* ‘where, when’, *quod* ‘that’, *quoniam* ‘because, whereas’, *quomodo* ‘how’ (Herman 1963:53; Meyer-Lübke 1899:640; Hofmann & Szantyr 1972:632):

- (21) *Inde.. illa impatientia ... erupit, quod vos nulla regionum*  
 thence that impatience erupt.PRF.3SG that you.PL.ACC no regions.GEN  
*longinquitas ... morari potuit.*  
 distance.NOM delay.INF can.PRF.3SG

‘Thence that impatience burst out, so that no distance to regions could hold you back.’

(Lat., Paneg. 3(11), 8,1, *apud* Hofmann Szantyr 1972:582)

- (22) *Columbaria singula esse oportet, ut os habeat*  
 nest.NOM singular.NOM be.INF be.necessary.3SG so mouth.ACC have.SBJV.3SG  
*(Columba), quo modo inire et exire possit.*  
 dove.NOM how enter.INF and exit.INF can.SBJV.3SG

‘Every nest needs to be [like this], so that it has a mouth for (the dove) to be able to enter and exit.’

(Lat., Varro *Rust.* 3, 7,4 *apud* Hofmann & Szantyr 1972:650)

With late Latin writers, we see a considerable extension of the use of *quomodo* (Herman 1963:58). It replaces *ut* and *cum* in more and more functions, especially in their function as *wh*-elements, viz. ‘how’, ‘as’ (Herman 2000: 91). *Quomodo* was synonymous with *ut* as a *wh*-element and was therefore also easily extended to replace *ut* in other contexts, including as a complementiser (Herman 1963:45). Given these tendencies, and the phonological developments, it is unsurprising that *ut* does not survive into Romance. *Quomodo*, on the other hand, survives across most (if not all) Romance varieties as a *wh*-element, and in many as a final and/or temporal complementiser (see §3.5.2).

### 2.2.3 Emergence of *que*

From the seventh century onwards, *que*, sometimes written as *quae*, probably pronounced as [ke], appears in all the major regions of the Western Romània as a general subordinator. The majority of these forms are found in Merovingian texts of France, but it is also attested in northern Italy and more rarely in the Iberian peninsula (Väänänen 1963:162). The use of *que* as a general complementiser is identical to the late Latin use of *quod*; it can also appear where we would expect *ut* in Classical Latin. At the same time, *que* seems equivalent to *quod* and *quia* as causal complementisers, as it can mark causal meaning. It is not surprising that *que*, which substitutes *quod*, has replaced *quia* as well in some varieties, since *quia* and *quod* overlapped in causal contexts and as a complementiser with epistemic and declarative verbs (Herman 1963:125).

The exact etymology of *que* is unclear. Various different proposals have been put forth: *QUID*, *QUOD*, *QUIA* (via *QUI*) or a merger of *QUIA/QUEM* (cf. Herman 1963:125ff. for an overview). The last two etyma are to be rejected on the basis of facts that point towards an etymon with a final [d]. First, forms with the final consonant are attested in older varieties, such as Old Tuscan *ched*, attested in prevocalic position, and Old French *quet/qued* (Godefroy 1982:493), or Provençal *quez* (Meyer-Lübke 1899:608). Second, even if the final consonant is no longer directly visible in modern varieties such as Standard Italian, it does leave traces in the form of *raddoppiamento fonosintattico* (cf. Loporcaro 1997b). More arguments against positing *QUIA* as the etymon of *que* are the phonological improbability of the loss of final [a], the most resilient of final unstressed vowels, and the fact that *QUIA* survives as *ca* in many southern Italian varieties, where it contrasts with *che*.

This leaves us with *QUOD* and *QUID*. Phonologically, *QUID* seems the most probable; however, there is very little evidence of Latin *quid* being used in the place of what had become the general complementiser *quod*. It has been argued that Italian *che* is the result of the merger of *quid* and *quod*, which are both neuter singulars of relative C-elements, which could easily have been confused (Meyer-Lübke 1899:609, 624, 640; Herman 1963; Rohlf 1969:188; Vincent 1988; Ledgeway 2006:123). Which form exactly has given *que/che* is in the end a purely hypothetical issue – here a hypothetical element \*[ke(d)], which functions both as a relative element and a complementiser, will be posited as the etymon of Romance *que/che*.

## 2.3 Complementation in Latin: conclusions

The discussion of this section can be summarised by Table 1, where ‘++’ is to be understood as ‘very frequent’, ‘+’ as ‘frequent’, ‘-’ as ‘uncommon’, and ‘--’ as ‘not or rarely attested’:

Table 3.1 Complementation patterns in Classical Latin (CL) and late Latin (LL)

	Inf. TP/vP		Inf. CP		AcI		QUOD		QUIA		UT		QUOMO DO	
	CL	LL	CL	LL	CL	LL	CL	LL	CL	LL	CL	LL	CL	LL
<i>Realis</i>	--	--	-	-	++	+	-+	++	+/-	++	--	--	--	+
<i>Irrealis</i>	+	+	++	++	+	+	--	++	--	--	++	+	--	++
<i>Factive</i>	--	--	+	+	+	-	++	++	--	-	--	--	--	
<i>Functional</i>	++	++	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
<i>Questions</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	++	--	++	++

Looking at the distribution of complementation patterns in Classical and late Latin, we note immediately that one of the most important complementation patterns in Classical Latin was the *AcI*, especially in *realis* contexts, but also in *factive* and *irrealis* complements, which however disappears almost completely in Romance. In late Latin we see its decline and how it is increasingly replaced by finite clauses which are headed most frequently by *quod* and later also *quia*, but also to a lesser extent by *quoniam* and *quomodo*. Whereas *quod* and *quia* introduce mainly *factive* complements in Classical Latin, *quod* becomes a more unmarked option in later Latin (leading to general Romance *que/che*).

Another frequent complementiser that disappears completely in Romance is the *irrealis* complementiser *ut* and its negative counterpart *ne*. In late Latin we see that *ut* is replaced mostly by *quod* and *quomodo*. Where Classical Latin marks *irrealis* on both the embedded verb (in the subjunctive) and on the complementiser, in late Latin a general complementiser *quod* is the most frequent, which can introduce both *factive*, *realis* and *irrealis* complements; as such, it is followed by both indicative and subjunctive complements.

The marking of *factive* complements and indirect questions has remained relatively stable throughout the history of Latin. *Factive* complements tend to be introduced mostly by *quod* in both Classical and late Latin; the *AcI* also appears in Classical Latin but its decrease in use starts with *factive* complements. *Factive* complements in Romance contain subjunctive verb forms in many Romance languages, but not in those which present Balkan-style complementation. Some SIDs present dedicated *factive* complements (Colasanti 2018b).

The use of the infinitive as a complement to functional verbs has remained quite stable in the transition from Latin to Romance (with the exception of Modern Romanian and the dialects of the extreme south of Italy). However, functional verbs and their complements have become increasingly interlaced, giving rise to restructuring phenomena (Rizzi 1982:chap. I; Vincent 1988:69). With some infinitives, both in complements to functional and lexical verbs, the use of an infinitival complementiser *DE/AD* arises (and will become obligatory in Romance with certain (but not all) of these, cf. §3.3 below). *AD* tends to be used for future-oriented complements,

whereas DE arises as a structural parallel with *QUOD* (Vincent 1988:69; Ledgeway 2016b:1015–16).

Among Latin C-elements, all Romance languages kept, in some way or other, *si*, *quando* and *quomodo* (Herman 1963:20). The most frequent complementation pattern of Classical Latin, the *AcI*, is lost in all contexts in Romance; later learned borrowings are structurally quite distinct from the original *AcI* (Vincent 1988:68; Pountain 1995; Bošković 1997; Clackson & Horrocks 2009:281–282). There is also increasing use of *si* as an interrogative complementiser, which might have been influenced by Greek (Herman 1963:63; Herman 2000:93).

### 3. Grammaticalisation paths: irrealis complements from Latin to Romance

#### 3.1 Theoretical background

This section will discuss the grammaticalisation process that the irrealis complementisers have undergone from Latin to Romance. Grammaticalisation can be defined as a process whereby new grammatical elements are formed from lexical items already present in the language (Meillet 1912; Harris & Campbell 1995; Heine & Kuteva 2002; 2007; Roberts & Roussou 2003; Van Gelderen 2004; Narrog & Heine 2017). This type of diachronic change often leads to semantic bleaching and phonological reduction of the element undergoing grammaticalisation. In the context of the irrealis complementisers and subordinating particles of Romance, we are dealing with a specific subtype of grammaticalisation, as the elements undergoing grammaticalisation (*QUOD/QUID* > *che*, *QUOMODO* > *cu*, *mu* and *SI* > *să*) are already grammatical elements belonging to the C-domain in Latin. It is therefore more correct to speak about ‘secondary grammaticalisation’ (although this might not be a fundamentally different process than grammaticalisation proper, cf. e.g. Breban 2014).

Two economy principles play a role in the process of grammaticalisation: the Head over Phrase principle, according to which it is more economical for language-acquiring children to posit a head than a phrase (Van Gelderen 2004:11; 2009), and the Merge over Move principle (Roberts & Roussou 2002; cf. also Van Gelderen’s (2009) Late Merge Principle), which states that it is less costly to merge an element in a higher position than to move it there from a lower position within the tree. Generally, we see specifiers reanalysed as heads, when grammaticalising; second, heads will be merged directly into higher positions in the tree rather than being moved there. In fact, Roberts and Roussou (2003) claim that grammaticalisation is always ‘upward’ in the syntactic tree: through reanalysis, elements can occupy a higher position in the syntactic derivation, moving from a lexical to a functional head, but never in the opposite direction (‘downwards’). This is in line with the idea that grammaticalisation is a unidirectional process:

grammatical elements rarely become lexical (though see Willis 2017). However, as will emerge from the remainder of this chapter, most of our irrealis subordinating particles seem to constitute counterexamples to the generalisation that elements grammaticalise ‘upwards’, and instead appear in lower positions in the clause than before (cf. discussion in §3.7).

From a typological perspective, a number of generalisations have been proposed regarding the grammaticalisation of ‘subordinators’. Generally, their grammaticalisation follows the cline of parataxis > hypotaxis > subordination, where ‘hypotaxis’ refers to loosely connected sentences, whereas a subordinate clause is dependent on the matrix clause (Hopper & Traugott 2003:177). The grammaticalisation of subordinators usually shows the following characteristics:

- (23)
- a. Wherever there is appropriate historical evidence, subordinators are derived from lexical and other linguistic material serving purposes other than that of clause subordination.
  - b. When a new subordinator arises, this entails desemanticisation, that is, the marker gradually loses its earlier lexical or other function in favour of its new function of signalling clause subordination.
  - c. In the transition from non-subordinator to subordinator there is a stage of ambiguity, in that the marker concerned can simultaneously be interpreted with reference to both its earlier and its new function.
  - d. With its desemanticisation, the subordinator loses morphosyntactic properties characteristic of its earlier grammatical status, being increasingly reduced to marking syntactic relations between clauses (decategorialisation).
  - e. In addition to external there also may be internal decategorialisation: if the marker is morphologically complex it will lose this complexity and turn into a non-compositional, invariable form.
  - f. The subordinator may be phonetically and/or prosodically reduced (erosion).

(Narrog & Heine 2017:10)

However, although the traditional idea that hypotaxis derives from parataxis might be true for the very first instance of clausal embedding, it is not necessarily true for the rise of new subordinators (Harris & Campbell 1995:283). In fact, as discussed, Latin already had complementisers which were replaced with new complementisers. The grammaticalisation processes studied here are thus not a case of parataxis > hypotaxis. In following subsections, the grammaticalisation of *che*, *să*, *mu* and *cu* will be described in formal terms and compared to the generalisations put forward by typological research.

## 3.2 Romance languages without a specific irrealis marker

Most Romance varieties feature *que/che* as the only complementiser, independently of the mood of the complement or the complement type. These languages include (but are not limited to) Standard Italian, Catalan, Spanish, French, northern Italian dialects and Portuguese. Some examples are given in (24) and (25):

- (24) a. *Giovanni dice      **che** ieri      Laura è      andata a Roma.*

Giovanni say.3SG that yesterday Laura be.3SG gone to Rome

‘Giovanni says that Laura went to Rome yesterday.’

- b. *Giovanni è      contento **che** Laura sia      andata a Roma.*

Giovanni be.3SG content that Laura be.SBJV.3SG gone to Rome

‘Giovanni is happy that Laura has gone to Rome.’

- c. *Giovanni vuole      **che** Laura vada      a Roma.*

Giovanni want.3SG that Laura go.SBJV.3SG to Rome

‘Giovanni wants Laura to go to Rome.’

(It.)

- (25) a. *L’Afra diu      **que** l’Àlex participa      en la protesta.*

the Afra say.3SG that the Alex participate.3SG in the protest

‘Afra says that Alex participates in the protest.’

- b. *L’Afra està      contenta **que** l’Àlex participi      en la protesta.*

the Afra stay.3SG happy that the Alex participate.SBJV.3SG in the protest

‘Afra is happy that Alex participates in the protest.’

- c. *L’Afra vol      **que** l’Àlex participi      en la protesta.*

the Afra want.3SG that the Alex participate.SBJV.SG in the protest

‘Afra wants Alex to participate in the protest.’

(Cat.)

As can be seen in these examples, *che/que* is selected independently of the realis (24a, 25a), factive (24b, 25b) or irrealis (24c, 25c) nature of the complement clause. This *que/che* is a direct continuation of the form appearing in late Latin (see §2.2.3). It thus seems that further grammaticalisation has not taken place since the late Latin stage.

However, it has been argued that *che* introducing realis clauses is located higher than *che* introducing irrealis clauses (Poletto 2000:chap. 5; Poletto 2001). According to this view, we see that this second *che* (henceforth *che<sub>irrealis</sub>*) moves downwards, or loses its ability to move to Force (where complementisers are located). More generally, relative QUOD can be assumed to originate

as a lexicalisation of Relwh C<sup>0</sup>, which is even higher (Benincà 2001:48; 2006; Benincà & Poletto 2004), and has thus moved downwards when it became a realis complementiser as well. A similar downward grammaticalisation pattern has been described for many Italo-Romance varieties that present recomplementation patterns, where the second *che* has grammaticalised down from a high Topic position (SceneSet), to a lower Topic head, and finally to Fin (Munaro 2016).

### 3.3 Infinitival complementisers

Unlike Latin, Romance makes great use of infinitival complementisers, which can be phonologically null ( $\emptyset$ ), or surface as AD > *a/à* or DE > *de/di*. There is much lexical variation across Romance languages in the choice of infinitival complementiser, and it is highly idiosyncratic, but some tendencies can be outlined (Vincent 1988:198; Ledgeway 2016b). For instance, irrealis complements tend to be headed by *a/à*:

- (26) a. *J'aspire à maîtriser au moins une langue étrangère.*  
 I=aspire.1SG to master.INF at.the least one language foreign  
 'I aspire to master at least one foreign language.'  
 (Fr.)
- b. *Lorenzo prova a scrivere un libro.*  
 Lorenzo try.3SG to write.INF a book  
 'Lorenzo tries to write a book.'  
 (It.)

Realis complements, on the other hand, are typically preceded by a null complementiser, as in Gallo-Romance and Ibero-Romance, or by *di* in Italo-Romance:

- (27) a. *Je crois (∅) m'être trompé.*  
 I believe.1SG REFL.1SG=be.INF deceived  
 'I believe I made a mistake.'  
 (Fr.)
- b. *So di aver fatto troppo poco.*  
 know.1SG of have.INF done too little  
 'I know I have done too little.'  
 (It.)

Note, also, that Latin did not typically use controlled infinitives in realis contexts. This is a Romance innovation.

Nevertheless, there are many exceptions to these broad generalisations about the use of AD or DE (e.g. It. *promettere di* ‘to promise to’, *cercare di* ‘to try to’, Fr. *essayer de* ‘to try to’, *s’efforcer de/à* ‘try hard to’, Sp. *tratar de hacer* vs *intentar Ø hacer* ‘to try to do’). We also find oppositions between different control readings depending on the complementiser, as well as a propositional vs irrealis contrast with the same matrix predicate depending on the infinitival complementiser (Ledgeway 2016b:1016). There is thus no strong opposition between realis and irrealis infinitival complementisers in Romance, given the unsystematicity of their selection and the many exceptions.

Other varieties, such as modern (colloquial) Catalan, have generalised one infinitival complementiser *de* ‘of’:

- (28) a. *En Jordi diu (de) venir a Barcelona.*  
           the jordi say.3SG of come.INF to Barcelona  
           ‘Jordi says he comes to Barcelona.’
- b. *En Jordi intenta (de) promoure la llengua catalana a l’estranger.*  
           the Jordi try.3SG of promote.INF the language catalan at the foreign  
           ‘Jordi tries to promote Catalan abroad.’
- c. *A en Jordi li sap greu (de) haver-se perdut la festa.*  
           to the Jordi to.him=know.3SG serious of have.INF=REFL missed the party  
           ‘Jordi regrets having missed the party.’
- (Cat.)

*De* has taken over the traditional selection of *a* or the null infinitival complementiser (Yates 1975:194; Wheeler, Yates & Dols 1999:395; Ledgeway 2016b:1016).

Traces of infinitival complementisers expressing purpose are found in very late Latin (Adams & Vincent 2016:287–88). As can be seen in the following examples, AD was already being construed with infinitives:

- (29) *Quomodo potest hic nobis carnem dare ad manducare?*  
       how can.3SG this.MASC.NOM us.DAT meat.ACC give.INF to eat.INF  
       ‘How can this man give us meat to eat?’
- (Lat., Vulgate, *apud* Hopper & Traugott 2003:189)

- (30) *Numquid hic ad furtum venisti facere... et si hic venisti ad*  
       whether here to theft.ACC come.PRF.2SG do.INF .. and if here come.PRF.2SG to

*rapere.*

seize.INF

‘Whether you came here to steal ... and if you came here to seize.’

(Lat., Rand & Hey (1906:264) *apud* Adams & Vincent 2016:288)

Prepositions grammaticalising into C-elements are cross-linguistically very common (Van Gelderen 2004:30, 101ff; Heine & Kuteva 2007:253), and especially allative prepositions develop frequently into purposive or non-finite complementisers (Haspelmath 1989; Heine & Kuteva 2002:37). Usually the preposition starts out as (part of) the phrase in the specifier of CP, which is then reanalysed as a C-head (Van Gelderen 2004:30ff., 121). AD ‘to’ was the allative preposition, as well as for the goal/beneficiary, and both are very close to the concept of purpose. Furthermore, AD was already used with the gerund to express purpose; it could have easily been extended to another non-finite verb, viz. the infinitive. DE, on the other hand, has a more general meaning, ‘of, concerning’ and has arisen as a non-finite parallel to QUOD (Vincent 1988:68). Similar to QUOD, DE realises a functional head which was previously silent and instead marked by roll-up. This movement operation was lost leading to the transition OV > VO.

In some languages, AD has grammaticalised further than in others. In Romanian, it is part of the verbal form of the infinitive, very much like English ‘to’: *a dormi* ‘to sleep’, *a mânca* ‘to eat’. In others, the use of one of the infinitival complementisers is obligatory in argument positions, e.g. Sardinian. In some languages, such as French or Italian, AD has grammaticalised as an infinitival complementiser but still has a clear purposive meaning in others.

As shown by Rizzi (1997), infinitival complementisers are merged in Fin and follow left-peripheral elements, and with functional verbs, AD and DE can also head smaller complements, as discussed in chapter 2. Therefore, also here, we find that in the case of functional verbs, the complementiser AD comes to occupy a lower position, hence it grammaticalises downwards.

### 3.4 USID dual complementiser system

As noted above, the general accepted etymologies for *ca* and *che* are respectively QUIA and a merger of QUID/QUOD (Meyer-Lübke 1899; Rohlfs 1969:188–9; Tekavčić 1980). The opposition has traditionally been interpreted as Greek influence in southern Italy (cf. e.g. Rohlfs 1969:190–191). At first glance, it indeed seems that the first stage of this opposition can already be found in late Latin. QUOD and QUIA could both introduce the complements of declarative and epistemic verbs, as seen above (cf. §2.2). On the other hand, UT, introducing irrealis complements, was replaced mostly by QUOD/QUID (leading to *che*), but not by QUIA. QUIA > *ca* thus seems invariably linked to declarative and epistemic complements, whereas QUOD is less restricted as a

complementiser, especially after the loss of the *AcI* as a consequence of the change in the head-directionality parameter (see §2.2.1 for discussion).

The opposition between older stages of USID *che/chi* and *ca*, however, is not identical to the one attested in the ESIDs, Latin or Greek (Ledgeway 2003; 2005; 2016b). In old texts from the Upper South, *che* is used more frequently than *ca*: subjunctive complements are always introduced by *che* whereas the opposition between *ca* and *che* is only found with indicative complements. So, whereas *ca* does indeed mark indicative complements (31), *che* not only introduces subjunctive, but also indicative complements (32):

- (31) *Conubbe            ca    re Ruberto [...] era            iettato   per   la fortuna.*  
 know.PRET.3SG   that   king Robert   be.IPFV.3SG   thrown   for   the fortune  
 ‘He knew that King Robert [...] was damned by ill-fortune.’  
 (OSIDs., AR 64. 26-7 *apud* Ledgeway 2005:348)

- (32) *Conoscerao        che   llo   ditto de Salamone   ène   vero.*  
 know.FUT.3SG   that   the   said   of Solomon   be.3SG   true  
 ‘He will discover the truth of Solomon’s words.’  
 (OSIDs., AR 4. 16-17 *apud* Ledgeway 2005:348)

Based on an analysis of a corpus of medieval texts, Ledgeway (2003, 2005) finds that there is a tendency to select *che* whenever the left-periphery is activated, independently from the mood of the complement clause; *ca* is only found with indicative complements in which the left periphery is not activated. The alternation between *che* and *ca* is thus only found with indicative complements and does not relate to mood/modality as in modern USIDs. Given the fact that *che* can precede left-peripheral items, it can be taken to be in Force; *ca*, on the other hand, is located in Fin. This is confirmed by the following examples, in which both complementisers are realised:

- (33) a. *Et èy            manifesta   cosa   che homo   che   se ave            a defendere   a la*  
 and be.3SG   clear            thing that man   that   REFL=have.3SG to defend.INF   to the  
*patria        soa   intre   li amici   e   li canussienti   suoy cha*  
 motherland his   between the friends   and   the acquaintanceshis   that  
*ave        a chesta   parte gran prerogativa   e   gran avantayo.*  
 have.3SG to this   part big   prerogative   and   big   advantage  
 ‘And it is clear that the man who has to defend his motherland between his friends  
 and acquaintances that from this part he has a great prerogative and big advantage.’  
 (ONap., LDT 126.2-4, *apud* Ledgeway 2003:121)
- b. *Et        ancora   li mandao            a dire   lo re        che si        li        volia*

and still them=send.PRET.3SG to say.INF the king that REFL=them=want.IPFV.3SG  
*obedire alli sua comandamenti, ca li perdonara omne cosa*  
 obey.INF to.the his commands that them forgive.COND.3SG every thing  
 ‘And still the king sent him to say that he wanted to obey to his orders, and that he  
 forgave him for everything.’

(OSal., Sidrac 2v.38-9 *apud* Ledgeway 2003:121)

These recomplementation examples confirm that *cha/ca* occurs in Fin, following all left-peripheral elements, and that *che* is realised in a higher position (Force).

This is in contrast with what we find in the modern-day dialects which have generalised one complementiser: the realis complementiser is located in Force, whereas the irrealis complementiser is in the lower C-position:

- (34) a. *Vulissa chi (\*u canciellu) 'u cunzassaru ('u canciellu)*  
 want.COND.1SG that the fence it=repair.SBJV.3PL the fence  
 ‘I wish they would repair the fence.’  
 b. *Vulìa chi (\*NA BELLA SAGNA) priperassa NA BELLA SAGNA*  
 want.IPFV.1SG that a nice lasagna prepare.SBJV.IPFV.3SG a nice lasagna  
*(nun nu purpettune).*  
 NEG the meatloaf  
 ‘I wish (s)he would prepare a nice lasagne, not a meatloaf.’

(USIDs, archaising Cos., Ledgeway 2012c:174)

The impossibility of having a focus or topic following the irrealis complementiser *chi* is taken as evidence that *chi* is in a low position; it has changed position since the older Italo-Romance varieties and moved downwards.

As discussed in chapter 2, this situation is not attested in all USIDs. In Verbicarese, the irrealis complementisers preferably precede the left-peripheral elements and are thus located in ForceP:

- (35) a. *Mə cumbwinge (?sta materia) che sta materia âja studijà bona.*  
 REFL=convince.1SG this subject that this subject it=have.to.1SG study.INF well  
 ‘I decide that this subject, we have to study it very well.’  
 b. *M'ajə cumbwinda cchə U VRƏVƏCARISƏ ama parlà no u talianə.*  
 REFL=have.1SG convinced that the Verbicarese must.1PL speak.INF NEG the Italian  
 ‘I decide that we speak Verbicarese, not Italian.’

(USIDs, Verbicaro (CS))

Comparing these two modern patterns with old Italo-Romance, we see that *che* has lowered in the first type of USIDs, but not in Verbicarese (or has risen again due to contact with Standard Italian). *Ca*, on the other hand, is now always located in *Force* and has thus ‘moved up’ in the tree. The opposition found in modern USIDs therefore cannot be a direct continuation of the late Latin tendencies (Ledgeway 2003).

That the modern-day USID opposition is not a direct continuation of Latin QUIA vs QUOD is also confirmed by the diachrony of the Abruzzese complementation system. There has always been a split between factive and irrealis complementation, but this has not always been expressed formally in the same way (D’Alessandro & Di Felice 2015). Whereas the oldest texts (until the 16<sup>th</sup> century) present a distinction between an infinitival complementation pattern very similar to the Latin *AcI* and subjunctive/*che*, *ca* is almost absent from subordinate clauses, at least in literary texts. The *ca* vs *che* distinction is found in written sources only from the 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> century onwards. The disappearance of the *AcI*-like pattern might have reinforced the use of *ca*, probably used in spoken but not in written language, for factive complements. In Modern Abruzzese, *ca* has become the default complementiser and *che/chi* is only used in unselected irrealis subordinates. This generalisation of one of the two complements has occurred in many central and southern Italian dialects nowadays (Rohlf 1983:147–54; Ledgeway 2012c; Ledgeway 2016b; Ledgeway & Lombardi 2014; Colasanti 2018a). In a minority, it is the irrealis complementiser *che* which has been generalised (at the expense of *ca*):

- (36) a. *Penze        **ca**    Marje    ve’        sicuramende.*  
          think.1SG    that   Maria   come.3SG    certainly  
          ‘I think that Maria will come for sure.’

- b. *Vuje        **ca**    ve’.*  
          want.1SG that   come.3SG  
          ‘I want that s/he comes.’

(USIDs, Arielli (CH), D’Alessandro &amp; Ledgeway 2010:2041–42)

- (37) a. [m annu            'rittu **ke** ttu    'vieni        ri'mani]  
          to.me=have.3PL    said that you   come.2SG    tomorrow  
          ‘They told me you come tomorrow.’

- b. [ε        m'mελλο **ke**    v'vie        ri'mani]  
          be.3SG    better    that   come.2SG    tomorrow  
          ‘It is better if you come tomorrow.’

(USIDs, Marzano Appio (CE), Manzini &amp; Savoia 2005:410)

In the transition from late Latin to Romance, there has not been any grammaticalisation in the sense that a lexical item has become grammatical; both *che* and *ca* derive from complementisers that were already used in Latin. Nonetheless, there has been a further development, inasmuch these complementisers have changed position, as shown in the following table:

Table 3.2 Positions of *QUOD* and *QUIA* in 4 types of USIDs

		(late) Latin	Old variety	Modern variety
<b>Verbicaro</b>	<i>QUIA</i> > <i>ca</i>	Force	Fin	Force
	<i>QUID/QUOD</i> > <i>che</i>	Force	Fin to Force	Force
<b>Cos. arch.</b>	<i>QUIA</i> > <i>ca</i>	Force	Fin	Force
	<i>QUID/QUOD</i> > <i>che</i>	Force	Fin to Force	Fin
<b>Arielli</b>	<i>QUIA</i> > <i>ca</i>	Force	Fin	Force (IND), Fin (SBJV)
	<i>QUID/QUOD</i> > <i>che</i>	Force	Fin to Force	--
<b>Marzano</b>	<i>QUIA</i> > <i>ca</i>	Force	Fin	--
<b>Appio</b>	<i>QUID/QUOD</i> > <i>che</i>	Force	Fin to Force	Force (IND), Fin (SBJV)

*QUOD* and *QUIA* are already C-elements in Latin, where they originally act as complementisers and relative pronouns. Here, it is assumed that they are in Force,<sup>3</sup> and from there they grammaticalise downwards to Fin. From there, the different types of USIDs underwent different changes. In a variety like Verbicarese both *ca* and *che* have the possibility to move up again to Force from Fin where they check/value a modal feature (cf. Ledgeway 2005ssq). In archaising Cosentino and similar varieties, *che* loses its ability to move to Force, and instead *ca* is directly merged in Force.

Furthermore, if we also take the Latin development into account, there has been a reanalysis of relative pronouns into complementisers. Since relative pronouns occupy a high position within the CP (Benincà 2001:48), this grammaticalisation has caused a downwards movement. Furthermore, the modality-specific features of these elements have changed: *QUOD* is originally a [factive] complementiser but gradually becomes more unmarked; in most SIDs, it can head both realis and irrealis complements. *Quia* maintains its feature of [realis]. [factive] is not marked in an

<sup>3</sup> This is based on Benincà's work (Benincà 2001:48; 2006; Benincà & Poletto 2004), where she argues that relative pronouns are merged high in the C-domain, higher than complementiser *che*. *QUOD* had both functions. There is however no conclusive evidence for the exact position within the C-domain of *QUOD*, *QUIA* in Classical Latin. Danckaert (2012:107) tentatively suggests that *UT*, *CUM* and *SI* are in Fin, but does not give an exact position for other complementisers. Also Salvi (2005) locates *UT* in Fin. Ledgeway (2017:191–194) shows that in the *Itinerarium Egeriae*, *QUOD*, *UT* and other complementisers can precede verbs in second position targeting Fin; hence, the complementisers are located in Force in late Latin.

independent way in most varieties (but see Colasanti 2018b for data from southern Lazio dialects which do mark factivity in the C-domain).

Taking into account the generalisations made by Heine and Narrog (2017:10) we could say that the development from *QUOD/QUID* to *che* and *QUIA* to *ca* is not a case of grammaticalisation proper; the complementisers already derive from C-elements. It is thus not in line with generalisation (23a). They do lose their original function as relative clause markers, and become first factive complementisers, after which *quod* generally becomes an unmarked complementiser. This is thus not a case of desemanticisation but rather a case of syntactic generalisation (*quod*) or change (*quia*). There is ambiguity in the initial stage of *quod* as a proleptic pronoun (cf. §2.1.2). Morphosyntactically, *quod* and *quia* lose their ability to inflect for gender and number and fossilise as neuter forms. At the same time, they ‘gain’ the marking for mood/modality.

### 3.4.1 *Ko* as third complementiser?

In the discussion in section 2.2 above, I have claimed *que/che* derives from a relative element that had the form \*[ke(d)]. Some of the first Italo-Romance texts from the 10<sup>th</sup> century still present a separate form *ko* < *QUOD*, which later merged with the variant *che* (Herman 1963:163; Rohlfs 1969:188). Indeed, in one of the earliest written texts in Italo-Romance, the *Placito Capuano* from 960, we find *ko*:

- (38) *Sao ko kelle terre, per kelle fini que ki contene,*  
 know.1SG that those lands for those confines which here contain.3SG  
*trenta anni le possette parte sancti Benedicti*  
 thirty years them=possess.PRET.3SG party of.saint Benedict  
 ‘I know that, those lands, with those borders which are contained here [in the map], have  
 belonged for thirty years to the part [= monastery] of St. Benedict [of Montecassino]’  
 (OIt., Ledgeway 2006:116)

This third complementiser has left traces in a dialect in northern Campania, the dialect of Gallo Matese in the province of Caserta, in the form of *cu* (Rohlfs 1969:188; Manzini & Savoia 2005:466):

- (39) *Voglià cu bbivà.*  
 want.1SG that drink.2SG  
 ‘I want you to drink.’

(USIDs, Gallo (CE), Rohlfs 1969:188)

Furthermore, Old Sardinian presents a complementiser *ko*, which is most frequently used as a temporal conjunction (Meyer-Lübke 1902:72–73; Herman 1963:155; De Dardel 1983:65–66):

- (40) *Ki fuit natu pus co parthiramus.*  
 which be.PRF.3SG said after that leave.PST.1PL  
 ‘Which was said after we left.’

(OSrd., *Cond. SPS* p. 284, via Atlisor)

This form however derives from *QUOMODO* and not *CUM* or *QUOD/QUID*, because of the vowel /o/ rather than /u/, which would have given /ku/ (Meyer-Lübke 1902:73). *QUOD/QUID* on the other hand has led to Sardinian *chi*. As discussed in §2.2 above, *QUOMODO* could introduce complements to epistemic and declarative verbs. Other varieties that present a complementiser *co* are Provençal and some Raeto-Romance varieties (Herman 1963: 166). *Co* is a shorter form of *com* in Old Provençal, which is used especially with factive verbs such as verbs of feeling. As we have seen for late Latin, its interrogative character is still noticeable (*ibidem*).

In conclusion, the merger between *QUOD* and *QUID* leading to \*[ke(d)] did not take place everywhere, as there are some (old) Romance varieties which present outcomes of both *QUID* and *QUOD*. Not all forms [ko] or [ku] derive from *QUOD*, however; Sardinian *ko* on the other hand derives from *QUOMODO*. Similarly, *QUOMODO* develops into temporal complementisers in other Romance varieties.

### 3.5 ESID *cu* and *mu*

The commonly accepted view is that the complementiser *cu* derives from the Latin complementiser *QUOD* (Rohlf 1969:191; Loporcaro 1997a:347; Mancarella 1998). Its distribution across the Salentino dialects seems to be linked to Byzantine domination. Greek influence would have stimulated the development of *quod* as the irrealis complementisers, which had already autonomously developed from Latin (Mancarella 1998:289; Ledgeway 2006). Byzantine influence has probably not caused but only favoured the development of a distinction between clauses with a final or irrealis value on the one hand and clauses with an assertive or declarative value on the other (Mancarella 1998: 288).

For Calabrian *mu*, there seems to be a general agreement to see it as a result of the grammaticalisation of the Latin adverb *MŌDO* ‘now, presently’ (Sorrento 1951; Rohlf 1969:192; Ledgeway 1998:20; Roberts & Roussou 2003:88; De Angelis 2013; De Angelis 2015; 2016; Squillaci 2016:170–3). The change from adverb into complementiser is accompanied by

phonological erosion, leading to apocope and raising of the unstressed vowel to [u] (Sorrento 1951:394). The discussion in the literature mostly concerns whether this adverb alone stood at the basis of *mu*, or in combination with the subjunctive, possibly in combination with the Latin complementiser *ut* (Roberts & Roussou 2003:88; Squillaci 2016:170–3; De Angelis 2016).

A totally different approach is suggested by Bertoni (1905; 1916 *apud* De Angelis 2016:77n.8), adopted by Ledgeway (2016d:269), according to which both *cu* and *mu* derive from *QUOMODO* ‘how’. *QUOMODO* is also suggested as an etymon for *mu* (but not *cu*) by Meyer-Lübke (1899:516) and Scerbo (*apud* Sorrento 1951:386). According to this alternative hypothesis, Calabrian *mu* results from *QUOMODO* by eliding *QUO-* and Salentino *cu* by eliding *-MODO*. *Quomodo* was originally a compound from the interrogative *quis* ‘which’ and the noun *modus* ‘way, mode’, both in the ablative case, meaning ‘in which way’. We can assume that this compound must have been transparent, as both *quis* and *modus* remain frequent throughout the history of Latin and the meaning of the compound is compositional. Historically, in Latin, there must have been both *quomodo* ‘how’ and *quo modo* ‘in which way’. Indeed, *quomodo* could appear in *tnesis* (cf. Lewis Short Oxford Latin Dictionary ‘quomodo’):

- (41) *Quo tu me modo voles esse.*  
 which.ABL you.NOM me.ACC way.ABL want.SBJV.2SG be.INF  
 ‘As you want me to be.’

(Lat., Plaut. *Cist.* 1,1,48)

The stress of *quōmōdō* was *quómodo* rather than *quomódo*. This is unproblematic for deriving *cu*, which supposedly derives from *\*quo* after *-modo* has been dropped. Assuming that *mu* derives from the second, unstressed syllable, is not problematic either. Given the transparent nature of this compound, of which *modo* is the head, we can assume *modo* still bears some stress. Furthermore, when appearing in *tnesis* as in the example above, *modo* must have borne stress. The unstressed part of *-do* would be lost, but the first part [mo] must have borne some (secondary) stress, leading to the SCal. *mu*.

I will therefore argue that *mu* is the result of *-MODO*, after the loss of initial *QUO-*, and *cu* is from the initial syllable *QUO* after the loss of *-MODO*. In this section, this idea will be further explored as it has received very little attention in the existing literature. The hypothesis of *QUOMODO* will be compared to the traditionally accepted views on the basis of Latin evidence, the cross-linguistic evidence from frequent grammaticalisation paths and their ability to account for the phonological and syntactic properties of both *mu* and *cu*. I will conclude that *QUOMODO* is a more probable etymon than either *QUOD* or *MODO* (UT).

### 3.5.1 Evidence from Latin

A first test for the validity of the various proposed etymologies is given by the use of these etyma in Latin, i.e. the contexts in which *MODO*, *QUOD* or *QUOMODO* would have grammaticalised into *cu* and *mu*. Is there any evidence for the use of these etyma in the right contexts, which could have led to their grammaticalisation as final and irrealis complementisers?

With regard to Latin *QUOD* as the proposed etymon for Salentino *cu*, the evidence seems strong, as it did indeed replace *ut* in irrealis complements and final clauses, as discussed in §2.2. *Quod* (and later *que*) was used as a general subordinator, including for irrealis clauses. *Quod* therefore appears in similar contexts to *cu*: introducing both final and irrealis complement clauses in general. The only assumption that is necessary is that the merger between *QUOD* and *QUID* yielding *que* has not taken place as in other Romance languages, as the final vowel of *cu* cannot derive from the final [e] of *que*.

The contexts in which *MODO* supposedly grammaticalised however are less clear. As noted above, two main hypotheses have been put forth to explain the grammaticalisation of the Latin adverb *MŎDO* ‘now’, which survives in many central and southern Italian varieties as the adverb *mo* ‘now’. According to Rohlfs (1969:192) *MŎDO* has been used in a paratactic construction with a verb, such as the hypothetical example in (42) leading to the complementiser *mu*:

- (42) *Volo et modo venio.*  
 want.1SG and now come.1SG  
 ‘I want and now I come’ > ‘I want to come.’

(Lat., Ledgeway 1998:48)

However, there is little to no written evidence for these paratactic structures (De Angelis 2015:8; 2016:84). Second, assuming that this paratactic construction is the origin of *mu* does not explain why the complementation pattern should be limited to irrealis contexts; this use of *modo* could just as easily have been used for any kind of verbal complement. Third, there appears to be no cross-linguistic evidence for adverbs like ‘now’ developing into (irrealis) complementisers (see §3.5.2). Finally, a question that emerges is why the coordination *et* ‘and’ has not left any trace; the vowel would have been preserved under normal developments, and the [t] would have triggered *raddoppiamento fonosintattico* of the initial *m-*, contrary to fact in that *mu/ma/mi* never shows RF.

The second hypothesis is that the adverb *MODO* could be used to reinforce the subjunctive and the imperative (Sorrento 1951). In these contexts, the adverb *modo* had a modal rather than a temporal meaning, although it typically occurred postverbally, which is problematic (De Angelis

2016:83). However, it would be specifically the combination of *modo* with the irrealis complementiser *ut* that would have grammaticalised into the Calabrian and Sicilian subordinating particle *mu/mi/ma* (Sorrento 1951; Roberts & Roussou 2003; Squillaci 2016). The combination of *modo* with the subjunctive complementiser *ut* can be used in Latin to express a counterfactual value, as in the following example:

- (43) a. *Modo ut tacere possis.*  
 modo that be-silent.INF can.SBJV.2SG  
 'If only you could be silent'  
 (Lat., Ter., *Phorm.* 59 *apud* Roberts & Roussou 2003:94)
- b. *Modo ut sciam.*  
 modo that know.SBJV.1SG  
 'if only I knew.'  
 (Lat., Pl. *apud* Roberts & Roussou 2003:94)

Since this use of *MODO* has the clearest modal interpretation, it is argued that the adverb *modo* was reanalysed as lexicalising the head M(ood) instead of Adv and grammaticalised as a mood marker, which led to phonological reduction and semantic bleaching. The semantics have bleached as *mu*'s present function seems to be as a marker of irrealis mood, in contrast with Latin *modo*, which had a wide range of meanings, from the counterfactual value, adverbial use and discourse particle (Roberts & Roussou 2003:94).

This account is highly problematic for a number of reasons. First, we have seen in §2.2 that *ut* was lost in late Latin and has not survived in any Romance varieties; instead, it has been widely replaced by *quod*, and to a lesser degree, *quoniam* and *quomodo*. Roberts & Roussou (2003: 97, fn 8) argue that, on a par with Salentino *cu*, *mu* is a development that happened between the 5<sup>th</sup> and the 11<sup>th</sup> centuries, but there are no data to confirm this hypothesis (see also (Calabrese 1993:73–6). Both Salentino and Calabrian share the other innovations in the Romance complementation system, such as loss of the *AcI*, loss of supines and *ut/ne* (Calabrese 1993:73–6; Roberts & Roussou 2003:97n.8). *Ut/ne* has thus already been lost by the time that *mu* and *cu* grammaticalise as subordinating subjunctive particles. It therefore seems impossible that *mu* derives from *modo + ut*.

Second, even if the counterfactual or modal character derives from the combination of *modo ut*, from which *ut* has been lost, there is no evidence for the survival of the subjunctive in these Calabrian varieties which could have distinguished counterfactual *modo* from temporal *modo*. The present subjunctive paradigm is lost in most southern Italian dialects, including southern Calabrian varieties (Rohlf 1968:301; Ledgeway 2016d). Furthermore, the counterfactual

hypothetical use might explain *mu* in optative clauses, but is more difficult to imagine as a final complementiser.

Third, in the Calabrian varieties, this counterfactual value is not expressed by *mu* (Chillà & Citraro 2012:118). In the dialect of Squillace, the examples given by Roberts and Roussou (2003:94) are translated differently. The same is found in Bovesè:

(44) a. *Si sulu u sapia.*

if only it=know.IPFV.1SG

'If only I had known'

b. *Si sulu ti porrissi stara quetu.*

if only you.REFL=can.COND.2SG stay.INF quiet

'If you could only be quiet'

(SCal., Squillace (RC), Chillà & Citraro 2012:118)

(45) a. *S'u sapiva.*

if=it I.knew

'If only I knew.'

b. *U/so ll'era saputu.*

if=it/If=it it=be.IPFV.1SG known

'If only I had known'

c. *Si potiva mi si staci zzittu.*

if can.IPFV.3SG MU REFL=stay.3SG silent

'If only he could be quiet.'

(SCal., Bova Marina (RC))

This is unexpected if *mu* is the result of the grammaticalisation of *modo* in these counterfactual hypothetical clauses.

In contrast, as seen in §2.2, there is evidence of *QUOMODO* being used in the right type of contexts. It is used in later stages of Latin as a complementiser, especially in contexts where it replaces the *AcI*, so with *verba dicendi* and *sciendi*. Also, *quomodo* replaces *ut* in various contexts in late Latin (see section 2.2). Specifically, *quomodo* could appear as a final complementiser:

(46) *Columbaria singula esse oportet, ut os habeat*

nest.NOM singular.NOM be.INF be.necessary.3SG so mouth.ACC have.SBJV.3SG

(*Columba*), *quo modo inoie et exire possit*

dove.NOM how enter.INF and exit.INF can.SBJV.3SG

‘Every nest needs to be [like this], so that it has a mouth for (the dove) to be able to enter and exit.’

(Lat., Varro *Rust.* 3, 7,4 *apud* Hofmann & Szantyr 1972:650)

- (47) *Nocte incendi ignem iussit, non quod in die non*  
 night.ABL light.INF.PASS fire.ACC order.PRF.3SG NEG that in day.ABL NEG  
*incederetur, sed quomodo secundo fieret diebus singulis*  
 go.in.PASS.3SG but how twice become.SBJV.IPFV.3SG days.ABL singular.ABL  
*holocaustum.*  
 offering.ACC

‘At night he has ordered that the fire was lit, not in order to not start during the day, but so that the offering would happen twice every day.’

(Lat., Hesych. *In lev.* 6, 8/12 p. 846<sup>B</sup> *apud* Hofmann & Szantyr 1972:650)

It is this combination of appearing both in final adjuncts and as the complementiser for irrealis complements that mirrors the Greek *(hi)na* ‘in order to’. The same parallel is not found with the counterfactual conditional use of *modo* (*ut*).

### 3.5.2 ‘How’ as complementiser

*Wh*-elements such as ‘how’ are not among the elements that cross-linguistically most frequently develop into complementisers, such as verbs of saying, conjunctions, pronouns, adpositions or case markers (Heine & Kuteva 2002; Noonan 2007:57). However, the development of a *wh*-element into a complementiser is not unprecedented (Harris & Campbell 1995:298; Heine & Kuteva 2007:243; Willis 2007). The Georgian complementiser *raytamca* ‘that’ derives from an interrogative *wh*-phrase *ray*, and English ‘how’ as well as Italian *come* ‘how’ can be used as a complementiser (Legate 2010; Van Gelderen 2015), as for instance in the following examples:

- (48) a. Bob Cratchit told them how he had a situation in his eye for Master Peter.

(Charles Dickens, *Christmas Carol* iii, 1844, OED *apud* Willis 2007:434)

- b. Dwyer told the players how he wanted to win the two-match series against Scotland and how he not only wanted to reclaim the Bledisloe Cup from the All Blacks but complete Australia’s first ever 3-0 series whitewash.

(British National Corpus, CB2 1468, *apud* Willis 2007:434)

- (49) *Ha evidenziato come avessi ragione.*  
 have.3SG shown how have.SBJV.IPFV.1SG reason

‘S/he has shown how/that I was right.’

(It.)

Most importantly, the history of Latin presents a parallel development: *ut*. Originally, *ut* was an interrogative pronoun, meaning ‘how’, but as shown in §2.1, it is one of the main complementisers of Classical Latin. If this change from ‘how’ to irrealis complementiser has already taken place in the history of Latin, being cross-linguistically rare is not necessarily an argument against the hypothesis that *cu* and *mu* derive from *QUOMODO*. *Quomodo* is synonymous with *ut* as an interrogative element, so it is a logical replacement for *ut* as an irrealis complementiser as soon as *ut* starts disappearing from Latin.

As seen above in §2.2.1-2.2.2, *QUOMODO* has been employed as a complementiser, both for realis and irrealis contexts. *QUOMODO* is thus used in the right contexts in Latin. Furthermore, in other Romance languages, such as Old Romanian (50)-(51), Old Spanish (52)-(53) and Old Italian (54), outcomes of *QUOMODO* can be employed as a final complementiser as well, exactly like *cu* and *mu*:

- (50) *Voao lășă obrazu, cumu se slediți urmeloru lui.*  
 to.you.PL let.PST.3SG example, how SĂ follow.2PL traces of.him  
 ‘He left you his example, so that you can follow his traces.’

(ORo., Cod. Vor. 149, 13, *apud* Meyer-Lübke 1899:641)

- (51) *Adunați-va într’una cum să spui voao acei ce va veni.*  
 unite=REFL.2PL in one how SA to.tell to.you these that AUX.FUT.3SG come.INF  
 ‘Come together, so that I tell you, what will happen.’

(ORo., Gaster 1, 35, 17, *apud* Meyer-Lübke 1899:641)

- (52) *El le daría lugar y tiempo como á sus solas pudiese*  
 he to.him=give.COND.3SG place and time how on his.PL own.PL could.SBJV.3SG  
*hablar á Camila.*  
 talk to Camila

‘He would give him time and place so that he could talk on his own with Camila.’

(OSp., D. Quij. 1,33, *apud* Meyer-Lübke 1899:641)

- (53) *Armas levaba rreales El su cuerpo bien guarnido Con palomas las*  
 weapons carry.IPFV.3SG royal he his body well equipped with doves the  
*sennales, Commo fuese conocido.*

signals, how be.SBJV.PST.3SG recognised

'He carried royal weapons, his body well equipped with doves as signals, so that we would be recognised.'

(OSp., A.O. 1755 *apud* Meyer-Lübke 1899:641)

(54) *Io m'aggio posto in core a Dio servire, com'io potesse gire*  
 I to.me=have.1SG put in heart to God serve.INF, how I can.SBJV.IPFV.1SG go.INF  
*in paradiso.*

to paradise

'I resolved to serve God, so that I could go to paradise.'

(OIt., Giacomo di Lentini, *apud* Rohlfs 1969:181)

Furthermore, traces of *quomodo* as a complementiser are attested in other Romance varieties as seen above (§3.4.1). Adverbs developing into complementisers are cross-linguistically quite rare. A *wh*-element such as 'how' is not a frequent source for a (final) complementiser either, but it is not unprecedented, especially in Latin and in other Romance languages.

*Quomodo* survives in almost all Romance varieties as the interrogative and relative pronoun 'how'. This is also the case for Salentino *comu* and Calabrian *cumu/comu* (Rohlfs 1969:280–81). The fact that one etymon leads to two different functional words is not however necessarily problematic. We will see the same in the case of Romanian *să*, which coexisted with conditional *să* until the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Similarly, in Old Sardinian, QUOMODO led to both the complementiser *ko* and the interrogative *comente* (< QUO(MODO) + -MENTE).

In sum, the development of 'how' into a complementiser is cross-linguistically quite common. Most importantly, a similar development has happened both in Latin, where *ut* 'how' changed into an irrealis complementiser, and in other Romance varieties, where outcomes of QUOMODO can head final clauses. The cross-linguistic evidence thus supports the view that *cu/mu* derive from QUOMODO.

### 3.5.3 Similarities in Calabrian and Salentino

As discussed in chapter 2, the two subordinating particles *cu* and *mu* have a very similar distribution (except for the relative order to negation and the possibility of combining with *wh*-elements). They are selected by similar verbs, only allow present tense verbs in their complements<sup>4</sup> and show VOS as their unmarked word order; the preverbal subject position is

<sup>4</sup> Salentino does allow perfective forms; some Calabrian varieties close to the isogloss which delimites the use of *mu* instead of non-finite forms, allow imperfective past forms as well, cf. chap. 2, note 11.

pragmatically marked. A unified analysis of the origin of these two very similar particles is to be preferred above a different hypothesis for *cu* and *mu*, as the similarities between the two would be automatically accounted for. The same element, *quomodo*, which can be used as a complementiser with realis and irrealis verbs, and as a final conjunction, is employed in both varieties to mirror the Grec(anic) *o na*.

Assuming two different etyma for Salentino *cu* and Calabrian *mu* would lead us to assume that the similarities between the two varieties are entirely due to Greek influence. Also, it would lead us to presuppose two quite different varieties of Latin where the irrealis was marked in two completely different ways. We would have to assume that *modo ut* not only had been preserved, but also generalised to irrealis contexts in Calabria but not in Puglia or in other parts of (southern) Italy. This is unexpected given the relative homogeneity of the rest of the southern Italian varieties with regard to the etyma for complementisers.

A problematic aspect that differentiates Salentino and Calabrian varieties is word order with respect to negation and the (im)possibility of appearing with other *wh*-elements. As seen in chapter 2, there are some structural differences between Salentino *cu* and Calabrian *mu*: *cu* never co-occurs with other complementisers or *wh*-words and precedes negation, whereas *mu/mi/ma* does combine with C-elements and follows negation. This has often been explained by arguing that *cu* occupies a higher position than *mu/ma/mi* (Damonte 2011), which is not expected under a unified approach to the development of both particles. I suggest that *nommi/nommu* is the negative counterpart of *mu/mi/ma* (see for discussion chapter 2, §3.1).

### 3.5.4 *Raddoppiamento fonosintattico*: problems and possible solutions

*Raddoppiamento Fonosintattico* is the phenomenon whereby certain (grammatical) words trigger the lengthening of the initial consonant of a following word (Fanciullo 1986; Nespor & Vogel 1986; Chierchia 1982; Repetti 1991; Loporcaro 1997b). The view that *mu*, *ma*, *mi* derives from *MODO UT* predicts that these subordinators cause phonological doubling of the initial consonant of a following word, contrary to fact:<sup>5</sup>

<sup>5</sup> In some varieties, such as the variety of Crotone, some varieties of the Cosentino-Crotonese area and in the variety of Bovalino, *u/i* triggers RF (Chillà & Citraro 2012:118–9):

- (i) *vogliu i mmangiu* (SCal., Bovalino)  
want.1SG MU eat.1SG  
'I want to eat.'
- (ii) *dicci u' bbenà* (SCal., Crotone)  
tell.IMP=him MU come.3SG  
'Say that he should come.'
- (iii) *Ricil u'nni vena trova* (SCal., Rossano)  
tell.IMP=him MU=us come.3SG find

- (55) [suppu    kun'tientu    pɛ mmu vieni]  
       be.1SG    happy        for MU    come.2SG  
       'I am happy that you come.'

(SCal., San Pietro a Maida (CZ), Manzini & Savoia 2005: 656)

Grammatical words ending in –T in Latin normally trigger RF: cf., for example, modern SID outcomes of ET. This absence of *raddoppiamento fonosintattico* is however correctly predicted by the hypothesis of *QUOMODO* as the etymon for *mu*.

However, the fact that *cu* triggers RF in Salentino is *not* predicted, as *quo(modo)* does not end in a consonant that could have caused the attested doubling. An example of RF with *cu* is given in (56):

- (56) *Oyyu        la Maria    ku bbae        ddai mprima.*  
       want.1SG   the Maria   CU come.3SG    there before  
       'I want Maria to go there before.'

(Sal., Campi Salentina (LE), Calabrese 1992: 278)

The fact that *cu* triggers doubling would be explained under the hypothesis *cu* < *QUOD*. As a solution to this problem, I assume that RF has been extended by analogy with other complementisers, such as *che* < *QUID*, which trigger RF. In fact, there are other cases of RF without a deleted etymological final consonant in southern Italian dialects which are explicable as analogical extensions (Loporcaro 1997a: 48). Also *ca* triggers RF in some texts, even if there is no etymological final consonant:

- (57) *Ca    tte        bollo        multu    addemandare.*  
       that to.you   want.1SG    much    ask.INF  
       'that/because I want to ask you many things.'

(OSIDs, *Ritmo cassinese*, Loporcaro 1997:105)

Another possible analogy that might have led to *cu* acquiring [+RF] is because the *quo*– [kwo] resulting from the elision of –*MODO* is homophonous with the outcome of *QUOD* (viz. \*k(w)o) found widely elsewhere in surrounding dialects. Note also that (some instances of) Tuscan-Italian *come*

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'Say that he should come to visit us.'

However, these are not all counterexamples as the particle *u* in Crotona arguably has a different etymon from *mu*, namely *unde* (Rohlf 1969:193–194).

< QUOMODO (+ET) trigger RF (Rohlf 1966:235). If the latter is [+RF], this could easily have been extended to *cu* < *QUOMODO*, which is almost homophonous with the complementiser \*k(w)o. The RF triggered by *cu* is therefore not a problem under the analysis of *cu* < *QUO(MODO)*.

### 3.5.5 Early Salentino

Unlike Modern Salentino, the early Salentino of the 15<sup>th</sup> century prose text *Il libro di Sidrac salentino* is characterised by a triple complementiser system, comprising *cu*, *che* and *ca*, argued to derive from *QUOD*, *QUID* and *QUIA* respectively (Sgrilli 1984; Ledgeway 2005). As in most modern Salentino varieties, *ca* and *cu* introduce indicative (58) and subjunctive clauses (59), respectively. In Old Salentino, *che* instead can be used with both indicative (59) and subjunctive clauses (59):

- (58) a. *Significano ca illo fece dissobediencia.*  
 mean.3PL that he make.PRET.3SG disobedience  
 ‘They mean that he was disobedient.’  
 (OSal., *Il libro di Sidrac salentino* 6v.36-7, apud Ledgeway 2005: 367)

- b. *Commandao cu doy fossero uno.*  
 command.PRET.3SG CU two be.SBJV.IPFV.3PL one.  
 ‘He commanded that two should be one.’  
 (OSal., *Il libro di Sidrac salentino* 24v.19, apud Ledgeway 2005:367)

- (59) a. *Significa che lo fiholo de deo serà baptizato in l’acqua.*  
 mean.3SG that the son of God be.FUT.3SG baptised in the-water  
 ‘It means that the son of God will be baptised in the water.’  
 (OSal., *Il libro di Sidrac salentino* 4r.12, apud Ledgeway 2005:367)

- b. *Comandao che Sidrac foxe priso.*  
 command.PRET.3SG that Sidrac be.SBJV.IPFV.3SG apprehended.  
 ‘He commanded that Sidrac was apprehended.’  
 (OSal., *Il libro di Sidrac salentino* 2v.18, apud Ledgeway 2005:367)

This three-way distinction is sensitive to both mood and the activation of the left periphery of the clause (Ledgeway 2005:367ff.). More precisely, when the left periphery is not activated, *cu* introduces irrealis complements whereas *ca* introduces realis clauses. However, when the topic-focus fields are activated, the complementiser moves to Force, which is located higher, to precede topics and foci, and both complementisers are invariably spelled out as *che*. This latter complementiser however was subsequently lost in most varieties, although some varieties, such

as Leccese, show traces of an irrealis complementiser *ci*, which surfaces in volitive main clauses (Rohlf 1969:189; De Angelis 2015:5).

Under the traditional view which derives *cu* from QUOD, it is necessary to assume that the merger between QUID and QUOD did not take place as it did in other Romance varieties (cf. Gallo Matese (CE), §3.4.1) in those cases where there was no overlap between QUOD and QUID. At a subsequent stage *che* is lost, whereas both *ca* and *cu* continue, but only *ca* can lexicalise Force like OSal. *che*. The unified analysis instead offers us a simpler scenario. If *cu* derives from QUOMODO, there is no problem in assuming that *che* has the same etymology as in other Romance varieties. The use of *cu* has remained unchanged, as it can introduce subjunctive, irrealis complements. On the other hand, the distinction *ca* vs *che* has been lost, as in many other southern Italo-Romance varieties (Ledgeway 2009b:7; 2016d:269), where one of the two complementisers has been generalised. This has been *ca* in Salentino, whereas *che* has disappeared. The complementiser *cu*, on the other hand, has survived as it was also heading reduced complements to functional verbs, something that *ca* cannot do. The situation found in Old Salentino is thus more easily accounted for under the unified view than the traditional analysis of *cu* < QUOD.

### 3.5.6 Allomorphic variants of *mu*

Problematic for any hypothesis is the presence of the allomorphic variation of the particle *mu*. Within Calabria, apart from *mu*, we find *ma* in Catanzaro and its immediate surroundings and *mi* in most parts of the province of Reggio Calabria, as well as reduced forms 'u and 'i (Sorrento 1951; Rohlf 1969). *Mi* and *ma* are only phonetic variants of the same particle; there are no dialects reported in the literature where the various forms of *mu* coexist (Damonte 2009: 104). *Mu* is considered to be the oldest form (Rohlf 1969: 192), as it would be the regular outcome of (QUO)MODO. The other variants possibly arose under influence of the unmarked complementisers: *mi* is argued to have developed by influence of *chi* < \*[ked], whereas *ma* has been influenced by the complementiser *ca* < QUIA. Another hypothesis has related the [a] in *ma* to a phonological rule changing unstressed final [e] to [a] (Rohlf 1969:192n.2), in the same way that final [e] becomes [i] in the Reggino area. If this is correct, all variants would be explained by regular phonological developments.

This problem has led to a very different analysis, proposed by Damonte (2009; 2011:236), who analyses *mu* as a non-argumental clitic cluster consisting of *m* (a 1<sup>st</sup> person dative clitic) and *u* (a direct object clitic). The main argument for this analysis is that in some varieties the form of the particle depends on the presence or absence of other (object) clitics (cf. also Chillà & Citraro 2012). Under this analysis, the diatopic variation of the particle can be accounted for by the diatopic variation attested for the object clitics. Furthermore, it explains the relatively low position of the complementiser and its ability to co-occur with other complementisers. However,

this analysis does not explain why this combination of clitics should be associated with specific modal meanings. It is not clear how a cluster of personal pronouns should develop into an irrealis complementiser. Furthermore, as De Angelis (2016:80–1) argues, the different allomorphic manifestations of the complementisers are expected in an area such as Calabria, which is characterised by a high degree of diatopic variation in general. Finally, *mu* can co-occur with clitics, which shows that it occurs in a different position within the clause than the clitic pronouns. It will therefore be assumed in the remainder of this chapter that the vowels of *ma* and *mi* are to be derived from general phonological changes that have led to unstressed final vowels in these areas becoming [a] and [i] respectively, cf. *dumana/dumani* ‘tomorrow’, *vua/vui* ‘you’ (Rohlf 1966:187–8).

### 3.5.7 Proposed grammaticalisation path

On the basis of the previous subsections, I conclude that QUOMODO is a more probable etymon for both *cu* and *mu* than the traditionally assumed QUOD and MODO (UT) for a variety of reasons. First, QUOMODO is used both as an irrealis complementiser and as a complementiser introducing final clauses. The same parallel with the Greek (*hi*)*na* ‘(in order) to’ cannot be found with *modo*. Second, with regards to phonology, the patterns of RF can more easily be explained assuming QUOMODO rather than MODO (UT) as the etymon for *mu/ma/mi*. Third, the Old Salentino data pose no problem for the view that *cu* derives from QUOMODO; but under the view that *cu* derives from QUOD, it is necessary to assume that the merger of QUID and QUOD did not take place as in the rest of Romance. Also from a theoretical point of view, the unifying hypothesis seems less costly: it accounts more easily for the overlapping similarities between the Salentino and Calabrian varieties and does not presuppose a great difference between the Latin spoken in Salento and Calabria.

In this last part of the section, I will describe the grammaticalisation path that I propose that QUOMODO undergoes, resulting in *cu* and *mu*. As seen above, QUOMODO was originally a compound *wh*-element. It is therefore a phrasal element that in the course of the derivation moves to [Spec,CP] or, within the split CP, to [Spec,FocusP] (Rizzi 1997). On the other hand, *cu* and *mu* are functional heads that can occupy different positions along the clausal spine depending on the matrix verb that selects them. How can we account for this change?

*Quomodo* replaced *ut* in many contexts in late Latin. As discussed in §2.2.2, *ut* was lost as it had become weak both on a phonological and a semantic level. There was thus a gap in the complementation system, and other C-related elements took over the functions of *ut*. Given the shared meaning ‘how’ between *quomodo* and *ut*, it is not unexpected that *quomodo* by analogy took over the other functions of *ut*, including its function as a final and irrealis complementiser.

The reanalysis of the phrase *quomodo* as a head can be explained by the two economy principles discussed in §3.1: the Head over Phrase principle, according to which it is more economical for language-acquiring children to posit a head than a phrase (Van Gelderen 2004, 2009), and the Merge over Move (Roberts & Roussou 2002; cf. also Van Gelderen's (2009) Late Merge Principle), which states that it is less costly to merge an element in a higher position than to move it from a lower position within the tree. Acquirers of Latin saw *quomodo* as a synonym of *ut* when the latter was a *wh*-element. By analogy, they also extended *quomodo* to the other uses of *ut*, which had become both phonologically and semantically weak. In the case of irrealis complementisers, rather than moving a *wh*-element, it was more economical to posit a head which was directly merged into the C-domain with a [irrealis] feature. When reanalysed from phrase to head, its new head status lost some of its morphophonological structure (viz. > *quo* or >*mo*(*do*) as it became smaller in size, as expected.

*Quomodo* was however a more marked form to use as an irrealis complementiser than *quod/que*, which could be used with any type of complement, whereas final *quomodo* introduces irrealis (purpose) clauses. This was indeed what we see happening in other southern Italo-Romance varieties, where *quia* introduces epistemic and declarative complements (unless the left periphery is activated) and *quod/que* introduces all other complements. Why do the extreme southern Italian varieties opt for *quomodo* instead?

The choice for the more marked option must be linked to the influence of Greek. As is well known, the infinitive in Greek has been lost and replaced by a finite clause headed by the final complementiser *(hi)na* (see. e.g. Joseph 1983). Typologically, infinitives tend to derive from purposive constructions, which in turn often derive from allative constructions, cf. English *to* and German *zu* (Haspelmath 1989), as well as the Romance *a/à* introducing irrealis infinitival clauses. Infinitives share with purposive clauses their irrealis, unrealised character (cf. Stowell 1982, Haspelmath 1989). It is therefore not surprising that when the infinitive disappeared, it was substituted by a final clause, albeit morphologically finite.

Intense language contact and widespread bilingualism has led to the structural extension of this phenomenon from Greek in the extreme southern Romance varieties. *Quomodo* is a perfect candidate to mirror *(hi)na*: apart from being used as an irrealis complementiser, it also has the purposive meaning that characterises *(hi)na*. *Quod/que*, on the other hand, is an unmarked clause linker.

Haspelmath (1989) argues for the following grammaticalisation path of infinitives from purposive clauses:

- (60) Purposive > irrealis directive modality (manipulative and volitional verbs) > irrealis-potential (modals and evaluative verbs) > irrealis-(non)factive (thinking and verbs of utterance), factive (cognition and evaluative predicates).

(Haspelmath 1989:298–99)

On the basis of this hierarchy, we assume that the infinitive was first replaced by *quomodo* in purposive contexts, after which it was extended to irrealis complements in general. This is indeed confirmed by Ledgeway's (2013:200) results, who finds that purposive contexts after movement verbs such as 'come' and 'go' are replaced almost everywhere by finite complementation in Calabrian and Salentino; other irrealis-potential complements still (optionally) take the infinitive:

Table 3.3 Verbs selecting *cu* and *mu* in Salentino and Calabrian (Ledgeway 2013:200)

	Infinitive ← → <i>mu/cu</i> -complement									
<i>Salentino</i>	<i>Can</i>	<i>Hear</i>	<i>Must</i>	<i>Know</i>	<i>Make</i>	<i>Let</i>	<i>Aspect.s</i>	<i>Want</i>	<i>Come</i>	<i>Go</i>
Rohlf's ([1972] 1997e)	I	I		I/F	I/F	(I/F)		F		
Mancarella (1988)										
Brindisi	I	I	I	I	I			F		
Lecce	I	I		I				F		
Casarano (LE)	I			F	F			F		
Sternatia (LE)	I	F		F	F		F	F		
Martignano (LE)	I	F			F		F	F		
N.Sal. (Calabrese 1993)	I	I			I		I	F	F	
Scorrano (Musio 1995)	I	I	I	I/F	I/F	I/F	I/F	F	F	F
LE (Protopapa 1990-92)	I	I	I	I	I/F	I/F	I/F	F	F	F
<i>Calabrese</i>	<i>Can</i>	<i>Hear</i>	<i>Must</i>	<i>Make</i>	<i>Know</i>	<i>Let</i>	<i>Aspect.s</i>	<i>Want</i>	<i>Come</i>	<i>Go</i>
Rohlf's ([1972] 1997e)	I	I/(F)	I	I/F	(I/F)	(I/F)	F	F		F
Lombardi (1998)										
Tyrrhenian Coast	I		I				I/F	I/F	F	F
Ionian Coast	I/F		I/F				I/F	F	F	F
Cristofaro (1998)	I		I	I			I	F		
Boval. (Remberger 2011)	I		I/F	F				I/F		
Bovese	I/F	I/F	I/F	I/F	I/F	I/F	I/F	I/F	I/F	F

The grammaticalisation of *cu* and *mu* seems to follow the cross-linguistically frequent grammaticalisation path of infinitives. This means that *cu* and *mu* acquire the possibility of being merged in lower positions, not only in a C-related head (arguably Fin), but also in the T-domain.

In Calabria, there are also a few varieties (see also chapter 2, notes 6 and 18), closer to the isogloss, which arguably belong to transitional areas in the northern part of the area characterised by the presence of *mu*-clauses. This is confirmed by other word order diversions, e.g. negation following *mu* (61), subject following *mu* (62), reduplication of *mu* (Conflenti and Gizzeria, cf. Manzini & Savoia 2005:663-4) or the use of other tenses than the present in the *mu*-clause (Gizzeria, cf. Manzini & Savoia 2005:664):

- (61) a. [tɛ 'ðiku        mu ur    u 'camɪ]  
          to.you=say.1SG MU NEG   him=call.2SG  
          'I tell you not to call him.'

- b. [tɛ 'ðiku        mu um 'biəni]  
 to.you=say.1SG MU NEG come.2SG  
 'I tell you not to come.'

(SCal., Conflenti (CZ), Manzini & Savoia 2005: 660)

- (62) [vɔ'lɛra        mu 'hrati-ta        unn    ɛf'fɛra]  
 want.COND    MU brother=your NEG    kill.COND.3SG  
 'I wish your brother would not kill.'

(SCal., Platania (CZ), (Manzini & Savoia 2005:664)

All these properties seem to indicate that in the dialects of this transitional area, *mu* can appear in a higher position than in the other dialects; it might be the case that *mu* appears with the syntax of *che* (Roberts & Roussou 2003:92n.7). The syntax of *che* probably represents an earlier stage of the grammaticalisation process where QUOMODO has replaced QUOD in irrealis contexts but it has not yet grammaticalised further down, replacing the infinitive. Indeed, in Conflenti and Gizzeria, restructuring verbs such as 'want', 'can', as well as aspectuals and perception verbs, select an infinitive (Manzini & Savoia 2005:650).

According to Roberts & Roussou (2003), grammaticalisation leads to a movement 'upward' in the syntactic tree. They explain the change from *MODO UT* (in C) to *mu* (in T according to their analysis), as an upward movement of features (Roberts & Roussou 2003:97). The Mood features that were originally expressed by the subjunctive verb on T, are diachronically transferred from T to M(ood) as a consequence of the loss of inflection on the verb. They still admit that *modo* has lowered, and propose that it may have moved from an adjunct to a head position (Roberts & Roussou 2003:97n.8). This explanation cannot straightforwardly be extended to the case of Salentino *cu*, as in many Salentino varieties (at least some) verbs (in some persons and conjugations) still present distinctive subjunctive forms. In these varieties, mood is also still marked on the T head, as well as on the *cu* or *mu*. Furthermore, as we have seen in the previous section, *cu* and *mu* can lexicalise different positions along the clausal spine. When lexicalising a T- or *v*-related position, the modal features are lexicalised in these domains and hence lower than the CP. This therefore seems a case of downward grammaticalisation: *QUO(MODO) > cu* and *QUO(MODO) > mu* are reanalysed as occupying C-, T- or *v*-related positions. They therefore constitute an exception to the generalisation made by Roberts & Roussou (2003).

If we compare the proposed grammaticalisation path of QUOMODO into Salentino *cu* and southern Calabrese *mu* with the generalisations about complementiser grammaticalisation (Narrog & Heine 2017:10), we see some similarities but also differences. *QUOMODO* did indeed undergo decategorialisation (*cu* and *mu* have lost their *wh*-feature); it did undergo phonetic erosion; it is no longer a transparent, compound form; it has lost its internal complexity (23e).

However, as already mentioned above, the first generalisation does not hold: *cu* and *mu* derive from a *wh*-element that in Latin was already used as a C-element to introduce both purpose clauses and irrealis complements. This step had already taken place in Latin: if we consider the history of *QUOMODO*, the generalisation holds as *quomodo* originally meant ‘in which way’. Also the desemanticisation is not fully completed. Apart from being irrealis subordinators, *cu* and *mu* can still be used to introduce purpose clauses, albeit sometimes reinforced into *pemmu* ‘in order to’ (Rohlf 1969:193) and *in motu cu* ‘in order to’ (Calabrese 1993:35). In that sense, *cu* and *mu* are still ambiguous, in line with generalisation (23c).

In sum, based on evidence from Latin, cross-linguistic parallels and data from old Salentino, I have argued that *QUOMODO* is a more probable etymon for both *cu* and *mu* than *QUOD* and *MODO* (UT) respectively. *QUOMODO* replaced UT as an interrogative, and by analogy also as a (final) complementiser. This made *QUOMODO* similar to Greek *hina*, and a good candidate to express the purposive meaning of non-finite forms. *QUOMODO* started out as a purposive marker, with verbs such as ‘come’ and ‘go’, but also grammaticalised further down along the clausal spine to head complements to functional verbs. This further grammaticalisation did not take place in the areas in the northernmost part of southern Calabria. Here, *QUOMODO* > *mu* has a syntax more similar to *QUOD* > *che*, which results in differences in word order with respect to negation and subjects, as well as the use of other tenses than the perfect.

### 3.6 Romanian *să*

*Să* (in Old Romanian also written as *se*) is standardly argued to derive from the Latin conditional complementiser *si* ‘if’ (Sandfeld 1930:173; Herman 1963:63; Jordan 2009:25; Nicolae 2015; Zafiu et al. 2016). The semantic change that *să* has undergone from conditional complementiser to subordinating subjunctive particle is however unclear (Zafiu et al. 2016:15). Frîncu (1969) and Hill (2013) argue that *si* became an irrealis complementiser and later a mood marker. On the other hand, Zafiu et al. (2016:15) argue that it is more likely that *să* also had a purposive meaning in old Romanian, derived from the Latin adverbial use of *si(c)*. Here, we propose that it is this latter homophony between the conditional complementiser and the adverbial *se/si* from *si(c)* that is crucial for the development of *să*. The adverbial *SE/SI(C)* was used to introduce purposive clauses, as modern-day *să* does. Second, in some varieties, *să* is homophonous to, or can be replaced by, *și* ‘and, too’ (Nedelcu et al. 2016:17). We will therefore assume that the element \**se*, resulting from the homophony between Latin *si* and *si(c)* has grammaticalised into the subjunctive subordinating particle *să*. This element was marked for [irrealis] and could also introduce purposive clauses, as it still does today, and it mirrors the irrealis/purposive nature of infinitives (cf. Haspelmath 1989).

The change of *se* into a subjunctive marker had already taken place by the 16<sup>th</sup> century (cf. Hill 2013: 566; Zafiu et al. 2016: 14), so before the disappearance of *se* as a conditional complementiser; in fact, in old Romanian, the two coexist for a certain period (in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, Zafiu 2016; Nicolae 2015:133). Conditional *se* is used in a manner very similar to that of its etymon, introducing the protasis with different moods expressing the degree of (im)probability of the realisation of the condition. This distinction between levels of probability continues into old Romanian, where *se* introduces conditional clauses until the 18<sup>th</sup> century, even though the employed moods and tenses differ from Latin (Gheorghe et al. 2016:530ff.). It was eventually abandoned in favour of *deacă* (> *dacă*) or *de* (ibidem).

The two uses of *se/să* show syntactic differences. As a conditional complementiser it is not necessarily adjacent to the verb (cf. 63a) and can select an indicative verb form (cf. 63b). In contrast, subjunctive *se/să* always appears adjacent to the verbal complex, only negation and proclitics can intervene (Nicolae 2015:133; 2019). Examples are given in (63) for the conditional *să*:

- (63) a. *Să cu limbi omeneștiși îngerești așu grăi.*  
 if with languages human and angelic AUX.COND.1SG speak.INF  
 ‘If I would speak with human and angelic voices’  
 (ORo. CC<sup>2</sup>.1581: 337 apud Nicolae 2015:133)
- b. *Iară, să ne vom bate cu Moldova, noi să lăsăm turcii.*  
 but if us=AUX.FUT.1PL fight.INF with Moldova, we SA leave.SBJV.1PL turks.DET  
 ‘And if we fight against Moldova, we should leave the Turks.’  
 (ORo. DÎ.1600: XXXII apud Nicolae 2015:133, 2019)

These examples show that conditional *să* occupies Force and permits the generation of a left periphery (Hill 2013:570; Nicolae 2015:133).

*Să* in old and modern Romanian generally replaces the infinitive in complementation, leading to a change that is attested in most of the Balkan languages (Sandfeld 1930; Joseph 1983)<sup>6</sup>. Indeed, Romanian employs finite complements introduced by *să* where most other Romance languages would use an infinitive, even in cases where the embedded subject is coreferential with the matrix subject and in which other Romance languages show the obviation effect. However, the

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<sup>6</sup> Scholars disagree whether language contact is the cause of the loss of the infinitive in the Balkans (cf. Sandfeld 1930, who proposes the loss of the infinitive started in Greek and spread through the Balkan area); whether only language internal factors caused the change (cf. a.o. Frîncu 1969, Hill 2013); or a combination of the two (e.g. Joseph 1983). It is remarkable that in the Phanariot periods, which historically were characterised by intense contact with Greek, the infinitive is used more than before (Frîncu 1969). We can therefore exclude the hypothesis that it is a pure borrowing from Greek.

infinitive is not a verb form unknown to Modern Romanian, and is still regularly used with modal verbs such as *putea* and in temporal and modal periphrases (cf. Zafiu 2013).

The pathway of this replacement has been described by Hill (2013), who argues that the replacement of the infinitive by *să*-clauses has not occurred as straightforwardly as is generally assumed. The so-called 'long' infinitives in *-re*, which derive directly from Latin, were reanalysed as nominal forms. Consequently, these infinitives were replaced by *short* infinitives (without *-re*) headed by the infinitival complementiser *a*<sup>7</sup> (64), or by a finite indicative clause headed by *de* (65):

- (64) *S-au gătit a stare cu războiă împotriva lui Răzvan.*  
 REFL=have.3SG prepared to stand.INF with war against GEN Razvan  
 'He prepared himself to wage war against Razvan.'

(ORo. Costin 16 *apud* Hill 2013: 554)

- (65) *Au poruncită de au făcut un sicriu.*  
 have.3SG ordered of have.3PL made a coffin  
 'He ordered (them) to make a coffin.'

(ORo. Ureche 1958: 178 *apud* Hill 2013: 560)

Only in a later stage were *de*-indicatives and the *a*-infinitives (albeit to a lesser extent) replaced by subjunctive clause with *să*. This was possible because *să* had become a general [irrealis] marker which could also head purposive adjuncts. This purposive feature is similar to infinitival clauses, and therefore this marker is used to replace the infinitive, on a par with QUOMODO in SCal. and Sal.. The grammaticalisation of *să* differs, however, from that of *cu* and *mu* because Old Romanian *\*se*, a result of the merger of *si(c)* and the hypothetical complementiser *si*, is already a C-related head. Rizzi (2001) argues Italian *se* is located in IntP. We can assume the same for Latin *si*. We have argued above that Romanian *să* on the other hand is in Fin. Subjunctive *se/să* is lower than conditional *să* (see above). This secondary grammaticalisation would then represent a downward grammaticalisation.

Roberts and Roussou argue that the grammaticalisation of Greek *na* and Calabrian *mu* are not cases of downward grammaticalisation, because the modality features are no longer realised in the I-domain (on verbs) but in the C-domain (*na* is in Fin and can optionally move to C). This can also be said about Romanian (except for 3<sup>rd</sup> person subjunctives which do present a distinct morphological verb form, and can under certain circumstances be realised without *să*). However, originally *si/se* as a conditional marker is merged in a higher position than subjunctive *să* (which

<sup>7</sup> The emergence of the infinitival complementiser *AD* is widespread in Romance in general, cf. §3.3.

could be in *Fin* or the *I*-domain). We still have the grammaticalised element ‘moving down’, in the sense that it is reanalysed as lexicalising a lower head in the tree. This is in line with the pattern that also emerged in the previous sections of this chapter.

The other complementisers of Romanian also derive from Latin *C*-elements. *Ca* is usually said to derive from *QUIA* (Hill 2013). However, *QUIA* in Latin did not have final meaning and was not employed with comparatives, as Romanian *ca* is (Herman 1963:157). Given its use as a comparative preposition *ca mine* ‘as me’, we assume the etymon *QUA(M)*. This also yielded *ca* in many varieties spoken in Italy (Herman 1963:157–60).

*Că* on the other hand is argued to be a result of *QUOD* (Hill 2013:553; Maiden 2016:119; Zafiu et al. 2016:466), even though the change from a final *-o* to *-ă* seems quite problematic.<sup>8</sup> Final [o] would have yielded [u] in Romanian. Furthermore, these vowels have regularly been lost (cf. *-(u)lu* msg. article becoming *-(u)l*). This might explain why *quod* was lost in Romanian and replaced by *quia*, which has a similar function in Latin as a realis complementiser. Final, unstressed *-ă* is usually the result of a final [a] in Latin; cf. first declension nouns such as *CASA* > *casă* ‘house’. A more probable etymon for *că* is *QU(I)A*, which would regularly develop into *că*. Second, the use of *quia* with almost exclusively declarative and epistemic verbs in Latin corresponds to the use of *că* as an indicative complementiser in Modern Romanian. This development is paralleled by the complementiser *ca* in central and southern Italian varieties, which typically introduces declarative and epistemic complements (see §3.41).

### 3.7 Irrealis complementisers grammaticalise downwards

In this section a clear pattern has emerged. Irrealis complementisers generally derive from elements that were located in the high *C*-domain in Latin, but which came to occupy a lower position in the same domain, viz. *Fin*, such as USID *che*, and *să*. *Cu* and *mu* derive from *QUOMODO*, a *wh*-element originally located in the specifier of Focus which gets reanalysed as a head (cf. Van Gelderen 2004’s Spec-to-Head principle) and from there it moves down along the clausal spine. In chapter 2 it has been shown that *cu* and *mu* can occupy *Fin*, but they can also head reduced clauses which are not CPs. *Cu* and *mu* have subsequently grammaticalised further down the clausal spine when these subjunctives replaced the infinitives also in complements to functional verbs, which are reduced complements. *Cu* and *mu* thus came to head smaller complements.

There are some striking similarities between some of the grammaticalisation paths, as well as some differences. All three varieties with Balkan-style complementation have grammaticalised a *C*-element that was in one way or another already marked for [irrealis] modality and could appear in purposive clauses. Due to contact with Greek (or other Balkan languages), the varieties

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<sup>8</sup> But compare *după* < *DEPOS(T)* ‘after’.

examined replaced the infinitive with these *irrealis* clauses, starting from purposive clauses, extending the complementiser to volitional and directive verbs, as well as modals (apart from Salentino). The degree to which infinitival complementation has been replaced differs across varieties; it has progressed further in Romanian and Calabrian than in Salentino. However, it is only in Calabrian and Salentino that this further grammaticalisation leads to decategorialisation: in these varieties, *cu* and *mu* can lexicalise a functional head not only in the C-domain, but also in the T- and *v*-domain. In USIDs and Romanian we see a change of position but the relevant elements remain part of the C-domain and can thus be considered complementisers.

In the generative approach to grammaticalisation as discussed above, grammaticalisation is considered as an *upward* process (Roberts & Roussou 2003): the lexical material or functional material is reanalysed as merged directly into a higher position within the clause instead of moving there. Apparent ‘downward’ changes involve loss of movement; these are not instances of grammaticalisation and have the following properties which distinguish them from actual cases of grammaticalisation (Roberts & Roussou 2003:208):

- (i) Apply to all members of category Y;
- (ii) Do not change the category of Y;
- (iii) Involve no semantic or phonological change to Y-roots;
- (iv) Cannot be cyclic.

Taking the diachrony of *che*, *cu*, *mu* and *să* into consideration, we see that these properties are not attested. The proposed grammaticalisation path does not apply to all C-elements (cf. *ca*, *că*, *chi*, which are still in Force), but only to the subset of *irrealis* complementisers in these varieties. The etyma QUOMODO and SI(C) do change in category; particularly in the case of QUOMODO, as *mu* and *cu* can occupy positions in the *v*- and I-domain as well. We find both semantic bleaching and morphophonological erosion in the grammaticalisation path. Point (iv) also seems to be disconfirmed by the further development of *cu* and *mu*, which can appear in lower positions in the clause as well, not just within the C-domain. The elements investigated are thus proper instances of grammaticalisation and cannot be dismissed as cases of loss of movement.

Roberts and Roussou (2003:97) note the problematic status of *mu* (and Greek *na*). They argue that the grammaticalisation of Greek *na* and Calabrian *mu* are not cases of downward grammaticalisation, because the modality features are no longer realised in the I-domain (on verbs) but in the C-domain (*na* is in Fin and can optionally move to C). In this sense, the features have moved upwards and the direction of the change is still upward grammaticalisation. Indeed, the Calabrian varieties do not present a separate paradigm for subjunctive forms; after *mu*, regular indicative verb forms are employed.

A similar situation is found in Romanian, where only the 3<sup>rd</sup> person subjunctives present a distinct morphological verb form, and can under certain circumstances be realised without *să*. However, even ignoring these 3<sup>rd</sup> person markings, since originally *si/se* as a conditional marker is merged in a higher position than subjunctive *să* (which could be in Fin or the I-domain), there is still a grammaticalised element ‘moving down’ in the sense that it is reanalysed as lexicalising a lower head in the tree. Roberts and Roussou’s solution cannot straightforwardly be extended to the case of Salentino *cu* either, as in many Salentino varieties (at least some) verbs still present distinctive subjunctive forms (Bertocci & Damonte 2007). In these varieties, mood is still marked on the T head, as well as on *cu* or *mu*. Furthermore, as we have seen in chapter 2, *cu* can lexicalise different positions along the clausal spine. When lexicalising a T- or *v*-related position, the modal features are lexicalised in these domains, hence lower than the CP.

In the history of irrealis complementisers, therefore, there are many cases of downward grammaticalisation: *\*ke(d)* > *che<sub>irrealis</sub>*, *SI(C)* > *să*, *QUO(MODO)* > *cu* and *(QUO)MODO* > *mu* are reanalysed to a lower position within the C-domain, and, in the case of *mu* and *cu*, to T- or *v*-related positions as well. The diachrony of all four subordinators therefore constitutes an exception to the generalisation made by Roberts & Roussou (2003). The question arises why specifically *irrealis* complementisers seem to grammaticalise downwards. They seem to all move to Fin, and when heading complements to functional verbs, to lower positions. Fin is the head that has traditionally been associated with both finiteness and mood (Rizzi 1997:283). As we will see in chapter 4, non-finite verbs tend to move close to this position. It will be argued in chapter 5 that this is the locus of the indirect anchoring that characterises both infinitival and subjunctive clauses, which are both less finite. The subordinator expressing this lower degree of finiteness is thus expected to be realised in this position, rather than in the higher heads of the C-domain which relate to clause-typing.

Second, functional complements, which are smaller in Romance, often pattern together with irrealis complements, being realised by infinitives or subjunctives. These complements are reduced and the elements introducing them will appear in lower positions in the clause. When *sa*, *cu* and *mu* come to substitute the infinitive not only after lexical verbs, but as functional complements as well, they will move down.

Finally, it should be noted that having a specific complementiser for irrealis is a marked option. Not all varieties mark irrealis in the C-domain. In fact, many Romance varieties do not have a dedicated irrealis complementiser. Furthermore, many SIDs have generalised one of the two complementisers which is now the unmarked option.

#### 4. Conclusion: changes in finiteness?

In this chapter, I have examined the development of irrealis complementisers from Latin to Romance. The starting point has been the Classical Latin complementation system, which makes great use of non-finite complementation, especially of the so-called *Accusativus cum Infinitivo*, typically used in realis contexts. In addition, it has a factive finite complementiser *quod* (and to a lesser extent, *quia*) and an irrealis complementiser *ut* (with its negative counterparts *ne* and *ut non*). This system changes radically in the transition to Romance, as the *Acc* disappears, as well as the irrealis complementiser *ut*. This co-occurs with an extension of the complementiser *quod*, which becomes almost a universal complementiser, losing its more marked [factive] feature and heading both realis and irrealis clauses. By analogy with *quod*, *quia* also gains ground as a complementiser, but its use is limited to complements to declarative and epistemic verbs.

In most Romance varieties, *que* (<\*QUED), arguably a result of the merger of (the functions of) *quod* and (the form of) *quid*, remains as the only complementiser available. Other Romance varieties feature a dual complementiser system, such as central and southern Italian varieties, which present an opposition between the complementiser *ca* (<QUIA) and the complementiser *chi/che* (<\*QUED). In older stages of these languages, the two complementisers are sensitive not only to the embedded mood (*ca* appears only with epistemic and declarative verbs), but also to the activation of the left-periphery (*che* appears with both indicative and subjunctive clauses whenever there is a left-peripheral element). Instead, in modern USIDs, the complementisers correlate purely with the modal distinction, or, more frequently, one of the two has been generalised.

Other dual complementiser systems are attested in Romanian, southern Calabrian and Salentino. Here the irrealis subordinator also replaces the canonical uses of the Romance infinitive. It has been argued that Sal. *cu* and SCal. *mu*, contrary to traditional views, both derive from the same etymon, viz. QUOMODO 'how'. Given the Latin evidence and the similarities between Calabrian *mu* and Salentino *cu*, this seems a more convincing etymology for these particles than the generally accepted *MODO* and *QUOD* respectively. Ro. *să* on the other hand derives from the merger of the conditional complementiser *SI* and the purposive complementiser *SI(C)*.

The grammaticalisation of these different irrealis markers has shown that although they form a heterogeneous category and derive from different etyma, there is a general pattern in their diachrony: they all grammaticalise downwards. They typically derive from high C-heads, which move towards the lowest position of the C-domain, viz. *Fin*, which, as I will argue in chapter 5, is related to anchoring of the clause. The irrealis complementisers all have in common that they mark indirect anchoring in the clause. *Cu* and *mu* subsequently grammaticalise further down to head complements to functional verbs, on a par with reflexes of AD and DE.

At first glance, there seems to have been a change in the degree of finiteness, as in Romanian, southern Calabrian and Salentino, infinitival structures have been replaced with seemingly finite structures (the so-called *impopolarità dell'infinito*, cf. Rohlfs 1969: 102-106). The Balkan-style subjunctive is indeed more finite under a traditional morphological view of finiteness (cf. discussion in chapter 1), but, as I will argue in chapter 5, on a syntactic level, the Balkan-style subjunctive is less finite and behaves in many ways as a non-finite form: the interpretation of the subject and the temporal properties (the anchoring of person and tense) depend on the matrix verb. So, even if a morphologically non-finite form such as the infinitive is replaced by a morphologically more finite form (i.e. the subjunctive), these properties of the complement clause do not change, as they ultimately depend on the matrix verb selecting the clause in question, and we do not have an increase in the degree of *syntactic* finiteness.

## 4. Verb movement in non- and less-finite clauses

### 1. Introduction: verb movement in generative grammar

Following the discussion of the functional structure in less-finite clauses in chapter 2, this chapter focuses on another property of less-finite and non-finite clauses: the position of the verb. Verb movement has been widely studied within generative linguistics, mostly in Romance and in Germanic. It has been shown that there is a contrast between Romance and English, as in the former the finite verb moves into the I-domain, but not in the latter (Emonds 1978; Pollock 1989; Belletti 1990; Giorgi & Pianesi 1996; Zanuttini 1997b; Cinque 1999; Schifano 2018). The cartographic approach has tried to establish a more precise analysis of the landing site of the finite verb. Cinque (1999:152) argues that Italian finite verbs move past *mica* ‘not (at all)’ and all lower adverbs; it can optionally precede or follow all higher adverbs. He also gives examples of gerunds, active and passive past participles, absolute participles and other non-finite forms moving to different positions within the I-domain. The generalisation that thus emerged is that Romance verb movement targets the I-domain, albeit different positions.

Building on Cinque’s (1999) approach, Schifano (2018) gives a fine-grained picture of finite verb movement, dividing the Romance languages into four macrotypes based on the height of their verb movement. She convincingly shows that the position targeted by the finite verb correlates with the *paradigmatic instantiation* (PI) of mood, tense and aspect within a given variety, which is defined as follows: “mood, tense or aspect are paradigmatically instantiated in the language if their chief values are expressed by synthetic and non-syncretic paradigms” (Schifano 2018:136). So, whenever a language expresses mood, tense or aspect substantially through the morphology of the verbal paradigms, this category is paradigmatically instantiated. Conversely, if the morphology does not express the category, a syntactic strategy is employed: the TAM-interpretation must be licensed through overt verb movement to the relevant field (Schifano 2018:136–137). For instance, Spanish and Catalan, both languages with low verb movement, express all three categories through synthetic and non-syncretic paradigms. The morphological strategy to license TAM interpretation is thus adopted. On the other hand, in French and Romanian, none of these categories are paradigmatically instantiated, leading to higher verb movement in these varieties. The correlation between PI of mood, tense and aspect and verb movement is summarised in the following table (Schifano 2018:166):

Table 4.1 PI of TAM and verb movement typology (Schifano 2018:166)

Movement typology	PI of TAM
high (French)	Mood [-PI]
medial (N.Reg. Italian)	Mood [+PI], Tense [-PI]
low (E. Portuguese)	Mood [+PI], Tense [+PI], Aspect [-PI]
very low (Spanish)	Mood [+PI], Tense [+PI], Aspect [+PI]

This generalisation however only concerns finite matrix verb forms. The question that is relevant to the present research is how finiteness influences the presence and the height of verb movement. Schifano (2018:chap. 5) also discusses infinitives and subjunctives, as well as past participles; however, other types of non-finite clauses have not been studied systematically before, which is the aim of this chapter.

Roberts (2019) embeds Schifano's PI approach in a bigger parameter hierarchy. All clauses contain an event variable that needs to be bound by Tense (although there is cross-linguistic variation with respect to the anchoring category, (cf. Ritter & Wiltschko 2014). Verb placement is a consequence of the denotation of events through tense, which can happen via *Agree*, or *Agree* and *Move*. Romance languages, being strong tense languages, move the finite verb into the TAM field. This movement is the reflex of a mesoparameter. However, this hierarchy does not say anything about the movement of non-finite verbs; the question is whether we find the same event denotation mechanism as in finite clauses, and thus the same movement.

Apart from the exact location of verbs, the *trigger* of verb movement has been central to the study of generative syntax as well. One particular idea has been around from the very beginning: verbs move to the I-domain to 'pick up' their inflection. Inflectionally richer languages have higher verb movement than languages with poor agreement paradigms (cf. Vikner 1995; Koenenman 2001; Koenenman & Zeijlstra 2014, a.o.). The correlation between richness of paradigms and verb movement has, however, many well-known exceptions (Rohrbacher 1999; Wiklund et al. 2007) and has been rejected by various scholars (cf. Schifano 2018 a.o.). The hypothesis is very interesting for the current chapter, as finiteness is traditionally defined on the basis of presence or absence of subject-verb agreement and inflectional features (see chapter 1). We might therefore expect a relationship between finiteness and verb movement. The rich agreement hypothesis would predict that non-finite forms do not move high, with the exception of *inflected* non-finite forms. If verb movement occurs independently of agreement, this might be an argument against taking subject-verb agreement as the sole trigger for it.

Another proposal linking paradigm ‘richness’ to verb movement can be found in Biberauer and Roberts (2010).<sup>1</sup> If a language has enough tense oppositions in synthetic forms, it is rich and shows verb movement in simple finite clauses. In these languages, a verb is merged as a V+T compound which needs to merge both with the V-complement and the T-complement in order to form a VP and TP respectively. Movement is triggered by the inherent features of this verbal complex; the richness of the tense paradigm causes the formation of the V+T compound in the Numeration (Biberauer & Roberts 2010: 267-268). The proposals linking verb movement to richness of the paradigms, however valid, are all focused on the movement of finite verbs in main clauses; they do not address the movement of non-finite verb forms.

With regards to Romance infinitives specifically, it has been argued that infinitives and subjunctives move to the highest relevant position in the I-domain to license a [-realis] feature (Ledgeway & Lombardi 2005; 2014; Schifano 2018:230–239). This cannot however be the trigger for movement in all types of non-finite clauses, as they are not all irrealis, as we will see below.

This chapter aims to trace and analyse verb movement in various types of non-finite and semi-finite clauses in Romance, including infinitives with specified subjects, inflected infinitives, bare infinitival clauses, Aux-to-Comp (cf. Rizzi 1982), past participial clauses and the Romanian supine. All these forms head their own clause; non-finite forms in periphrases or monoclausal constructions are not analysed here. The results will shed light on the role of agreement and morphological richness in triggering verb movement, as non-finite forms are *usually* lacking agreement and TAM inflection. The chapter is structured as follows: §2 discusses the main diagnostics that will be used; §3 discusses the verb movement of the different types of less-finite forms; §4 contains the analysis of this verb movement. §5 concludes the chapter with a discussion of the relation between verb movement and finiteness.

## 2. Testing verb movement: diagnostics

In order to establish the exact location of the verb, there are a series of diagnostics that can be used. In this section, the diagnostics will be briefly explained before being applied to the various non-finite and semi-finite clauses in Romance. The diagnostics include the relative position of the verb and different types of adverbs; the position of left-peripheral elements wrt the verb; subject and object positions; and clitic placement.

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<sup>1</sup> See however Cyrino (2013) on Brazilian Portuguese, which lacks high movement but has the same tense paradigm as European Portuguese. However, if one takes into consideration aspectual oppositions, the same prediction could be made for V-to-Asp movement (Biberauer, p.c.).

## 2.1 Subject positions

The relative position of the verb and its arguments can be used as a diagnostic for verb movement; the position of the subject especially will be informative in case of movement into the I-domain. Obligatory inversion is often seen as an indication of movement into the CP, across the subject (e.g. with Aux-to-Comp, see §3.4). However, we need to keep in mind that the subject can occupy various lower positions itself.

Since the predicate-internal subject hypothesis (Koopman & Sportiche 1986; 1991), it is generally assumed that subjects are first merged in [spec,VP] and can move from there to higher positions. Cardinaletti (2004) gives an overview of preverbal subject positions within the IP:

(1) specSubjP specEPPP specAgrSP ... specVP

According to this approach, the traditional notion of ‘subject’ is connected to properties of a series of functional heads in the I-domain. This idea is combined with the specialisation hypothesis, i.e. the hypothesis that different types of subjects check different types of features and therefore occupy different subject positions (Cardinaletti 2004: 126). As schematised in (1), the highest subject position is the specifier of SubjP, where the so-called ‘subject of predication’ is located. Here XPs occur without necessarily checking Nominative. This functional projection is connected to the semantic notion of subject, but not necessarily to Nominative or verb agreement, such as is the case of the subjects of psych verbs, predicate fronting in inverse copular sentences and locative PPs. This is the location of strong pronouns and weak pronouns (*egli* ‘he’/*esso* ‘it’) in Italian. Other weak pronouns and the silent pronoun *pro* are on the other hand located in the specifier of AgrSP, which can be ulteriorly split up into positions for different  $\phi$ -features. The XP merged in this position agrees with the verb. Finally, there is spec,EPPP, where the EPP is located and which assigns Nominative Case.

Moreover, a preverbal subject can be analysed as the ‘canonical’ position, i.e. what we conventionally call [Spec,TP] (cf. AgrSP in Cardinaletti’s (2004) overview), but also as a higher position somewhere in the C(omplementiser)-domain of the clause (for instance, TopicP) (cf. Alexiadou & Anagnostopoulou (1998), who argue that all preverbal subjects in Romance are topics).

When necessary, floating quantifiers will be used to show positions of the subject, as these show the positions a subject (or object) has moved through. If, on the other hand, no floating quantifiers are possible, subjects might very well have remained in a low position. This information can then be combined with evidence from adverb placement.

## 2.2 Adverbs

As discussed in chapter 1, adverbs lexicalise the specifier positions of a series of functional heads in the I-domain, which occur in the same order cross-linguistically (Cinque 1999). They are generally divided into the higher adverb space (HAS, “higher adverbs” in Cinque’s (1999) terms), comprising the adverbs from  $\text{Mood}_{\text{speechact}}$  to  $\text{Mod}_{\text{volitional}}$ , and lower adverbs (LAS, or “lower pre-VP adverbs” in Cinque (1999)), which include all adverbs lower than  $\text{Mod}_{\text{volitional}}$ , comprising mostly aspectual projections and Voice (Cinque 1999; Ledgeway & Lombardi 2005:81ff.; Ledgeway & Roberts forthcoming). By testing the relative order between the verb and the adverb in its neutral, intonationally-flat position, we can establish the height of verb movement (Pollock 1989; Belletti 1990; Cinque 1999; Ledgeway & Lombardi 2005; Schifano 2015; 2018).<sup>2</sup> A prediction that this hierarchy makes is that if a verb form can precede a certain adverb, it can also precede all lower adverbs. Similarly, if a verb form cannot precede a certain adverb, it should not be able to precede higher adverbs either.

## 2.3 Topic and focus

A more fine-grained view of the CP as proposed by Rizzi (1997) allows us to further investigate the exact final position of the verb of what is traditionally called V-to-C movement. Does C in that case correspond to Force or a lower position within the left periphery, e.g. Fin? Medieval Romance showed verb movement to Fin or Force (cf. Wolfe 2019 and references therein), so we might expect to find similar movements in the cases that have been analysed as V-to-C, such as Aux-to-Comp (§3.4) or past participial clauses (§3.6).

The location of the verb can be established on the basis of the relative order of the verb and left-peripheral elements such as complementisers, topics and foci. If the verb necessarily precedes both topics and foci, we can conclude that the verb is in the highest C-head; if not, we expect the verb to be lower. But a caveat is required here: as extensively shown by Belletti (2004), there is also a lower periphery above the VP. When considering topics and foci, a distinction should be made between the two peripheries and their availability.

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<sup>2</sup> It has been noted in the literature that high adverbs can appear in postverbal position and apparently do not always respect the Cinque hierarchy; some of them can appear in postverbal position when deaccented or when followed by other material (Tescari Neto 2012:20–21). However, this is only apparent: due to their focalising use, they can attract their complement (over which they have scope) to their specifier. This remnant movement gives us the impression that V can move over the adverb but it is not a case of genuine V-movement.

## 2.4 Clitic placement

Romance clitic pronouns are of the adverbial type, i.e. they generally cliticise onto a verb (but see Ledgeway & Lombardi (2005) for examples where adverbs can intervene between the clitic and the verb). They can appear in proclisis (2), enclisis (3), and, more rarely, in mesocclisis (4):

(2) *Pierre la rencontre.*

Pierre her=meet.3SG

'Pierre meets her.'

(Fr.)

(3) *Pietro decide di incontrarla.*

Pietro decide.3SG of meet.INF=her

'Pietro decides to meet her.'

(It.)

(4) *Escrevê-lo-ei.*

write=it=FUT.1SG

'I will write it.'

(EuPt., Roberts 2016:797)

In many Romance languages, such as Italian and Spanish, the alternation between proclisis and enclisis is determined by the finiteness of the verb: clitics appear in proclisis on finite verbs and in enclisis on non-finite verbs. There are however many other patterns attested, e.g., in French, the clitics appear in enclisis only with positive imperatives. Other Romance languages show enclisis on finite verbs, such as European Portuguese (5a) and Galician, as well as the northern Italian variety of Borgomanerese (5b) (cf. Tortora 2014):

(5) a. *O Pedro encontrou-a.*

the Pedro meet.PRET.3SG=her.

'Pedro met her.'

(EuPt., Roberts 2016:795)

b. *La môngia-la.*

she=eat.3SG=it

'She eats it'.

(NIDs, Borgomanerese (NO), Tortora 2010:137)

In European Portuguese and Galician, a remnant of the Tobler-Mussafia law is attested: a sentence cannot have a clitic in first position. This means that in positive declarative matrix clauses, the clitic has to appear in enclisis (Uriagereka 1995; Raposo & Uriagereka 2005). In other contexts, including negated clauses, embedded clauses and clauses with operators in the left-periphery, the clitic appears in proclisis on finite verbs.

There are many different approaches within generative syntax to the placement of clitics. Here, it will be assumed that there are two positions where clitics can move to: one higher one, in the IP, and a lower one (in the VP) (Benincà & Tortora 2010; Roberts 2010), which cannot usually be active at the same time. As non-branching heads, clitics are at the same time heads as well as maximal projections (Chomsky 1995). Depending on the position of the verb, the clitic is in one of the two structural positions, cliticises in proclisis or enclisis onto the verb.

### 3. Testing verb movement in non-/semi-finite clauses: results

#### 3.1 Personal infinitives

Even though the licensing of overt, nominative subjects is typically considered a feature of finite clauses, almost all Romance languages present infinitives with specified lexical subjects distinct from the matrix clause subject, which we will refer to as ‘personal infinitives’ (cf. Ledgeway 1998; 2000:chap. 4; Mensching 2000 a.o.). This section will discuss verb movement of personal infinitives in Spanish, Catalan, southern Italian dialects, Sardinian, and Romanian. Inflected infinitives featuring person-number agreement will be discussed in the following section (§3.2).

In most Romance languages, personal infinitives are limited to unselected clauses, such as adjuncts and subject clauses. These are usually non-control contexts, restricted to marking non-coreferentiality (Ledgeway 2000:123). This is the case in Spanish (Torrego 1998; Hernanz 1999), Catalan (Hualde 1992:38–9; Rigau 1995; Wheeler, Yates & Dols 1999:399; Ledgeway 2000; Institut d’Estudis Catalans 2016), SIDs (Ledgeway 2000:116–7), Sardinian<sup>3</sup> (Blasco Ferrer 1988; Jones 1992; Mensching 2000:32–33; Viridis 2015), and Romanian. Some representative examples have been given for adjuncts (6) and subject clauses (7):<sup>4</sup>

- (6) a. *Després d’arribar nosaltres, va començar la reunió.*  
       after    of arrive.INF we            go.3SG    start.INF    the meeting

<sup>3</sup> Some Logudorese varieties also feature optional inflection on the infinitive. These inflected infinitives will be left aside for now and will be the object of investigation in the following section (§3.2)

<sup>4</sup> Please note that in the remainder of this chapter, only representative examples from one or two languages will be given due to space limitations. However, all relevant examples have been collected and are available upon request.

'After we arrived, the meeting started.'

(Cat., Institut d'Estudis Catalans 2016:1296–7)

- b. *Primme de succedere chesto, ha ditto che fa cose de pазze!*  
 before of happen.INF this, have.3SG said that do.3SG things of crazy  
 'Before this happens, he said he'll get up to wild things!'

(Nap., Ledgeway 2000:116)

- c. *Est andau aicci e tottu chene dhi donai su premissu su babbu.*  
 be.3SG gone here and all without to.him=give.INF the permission the father  
 'He has gone anyway without his father giving him the permission.'

(Campidanese Srd., Viridis 2015:466–7)

- (7) a. *Cummene a ce ne parla tu.*  
 be.better.3SG to LOC=PART=speak.INF you.SG  
 'It is better for you to speak about it with him.'

(Nap., Ledgeway 2000:117)

- b. *Su de t'inci essi andau aicci allestru tui mi fait feli meda.*  
 the of you=PART be.INF gone thus hurriedly you to.me=make.3SG anger much  
 'The fact that you went away in such a hurry made me quite mad.'

(Camp. Srd., Viridis 2015:469)

- c. *E important a decide tu însuți.*  
 be.3SG important to decide.INF you.SG yourself  
 'It is important for you yourself to decide.'

(Ro., Pană Dindelegan 2013a:216)

Conversely, complement clauses in Romance generally cannot contain personal infinitives. There are however exceptions to this generalisation. In Sicilian and Sardinian, personal infinitives are found in complements (Bentley 2014; Jones 1992; Jones 1993; Sitaridou 2002; Viridis 2015):<sup>5</sup>

<sup>5</sup> Both Romanian and Spanish marginally allow personal infinitives in complements, although this is subject to interspeaker variation:

- (i) *Dos testigos declararon [ser tú/yo/él/ella cómplice del robo].*  
 two testimonies declare.PRET.3PL be.INF you.NOM/I.NOM/he/she accomplice of.the theft  
 'Two testimonies declared that you/I/he/she were/was an accomplice in the theft.'

(Sp., Ambar & Jiménez-Fernández 2017:2001)

- (ii) *Ion se teme a nu-l apuca iarna cu casa neterminată.*  
 Ion REFL=fear.3SG to NEG=him overtake.INF winter.DET with house.DET unfinished  
 'Ion is afraid of winter overtaking him with the house unfinished.'

(Ro., Pană Dindelegan 2013a:216)

- (8) a. *Si dicinu di tu mangiarmi, mi mangi.*  
 if say.3PL of you.SG eat.INF=me, me=eat.2SG  
 'If they say that you should eat me, you will eat me.'  
 (Sic., Bentley 2014:111)
- b. *Su dottore m'at nadu a no papai tropu drucis tui.*  
 the doctor to.me=has said to not eat.INF too.many sweets you.SG  
 'The doctor told me that you should not eat too many sweets.'  
 (Campidanese Srd., Virdis 2015:466)

### 3.1.1 Subject positions

There is variation across Romance with respect to the relative position of the verb and its subject. A frequent pattern is the one of the postverbal subject, as is the case in southern Italian dialects (Ledgeway 2000:126), in Sardinian (Jones 1992; Jones 1993:168), in Romanian (Dobrovie-Sorin 1994:89; Pană Dindelegan 2013a:218), and in peninsular Spanish (Torrego 1998:207; Hernanz 1999:2211; Ledgeway 2000:126; Zagona 2002:28; Ambar & Jiménez-Fernández 2017:2002):

- (9) *Me faceva muri'.. invece 'e (\*essa) muri' essa!*  
 me make.IPFV.3SG die.INF .. instead of she die.INF she!  
 'She made me die instead of dying herself'  
 (Nap., Ledgeway 2000:126)

Other varieties, including some Caribbean and Latin American varieties, as well as Sicilian, however, allow preverbal subjects (Ledgeway 2000:128; Zagona 2002:71–2), as in the following examples:

- (10) a. *Antes de yo salir de mi país, ...*  
 before of I leave.INF of my country  
 'before I leave my country'  
 (Colombian Sp., Lipski 1994: 215, *apud* Zagona 2002:62)
- b. *Chi ci vurrissi pi io nesciri di ccà?*  
 what LOC=want.COND.3SG for I go.out.INF of here  
 'What would be necessary for me to escape from here?'  
 (Sic., Bentley 2014:112)

In both languages, the preverbal position is restricted to kinship terms and pronominal subjects, i.e. heads (Xs). Lexical (XP) subjects appear obligatorily postverbally. There is no difference in interpretation between the two positions (Ledgeway 2000:126–127). Pronominal subjects do not occupy a left-peripheral position, as they are incompatible with a topicalised or focused reading; furthermore, foci and topics precede the complementiser (Ledgeway 2000:139–40). Therefore, in case of a preverbal subject, the infinitive does not occupy a position within the C-domain.

In peninsular Spanish, the subject can only appear preverbally when it is narrowly focused, as in the following example:

- (11) *Al el juez leer el verdicto, todo el mundo se levantó.*  
 at.the the judge read.INF the verdict, all the world REFL=stand.up.PRET.3SG  
 ‘When the judge read the verdict, everyone stood up.’  
 (Sp., Torrego 1998:n. 3)

This position is highly restricted; the unmarked subject position is the postverbal one. The Catalan personal infinitive patterns slightly differently from the two groups discussed above. When expressed, the subject occurs postposed to the verb in infinitival subject clauses:

- (12) *(\*Nosaltres) cantar ara nosaltres no seria mala idea.*  
 we sing.INF now we NEG be.COND.3SG bad idea  
 ‘It would not be a bad idea for us to sing.’  
 (Cat., Hualde 1992:39)

Subject infinitivals therefore pattern as in peninsular Spanish, SIDs and Romanian. In prepositional adjuncts, the preverbal position is allowed, at least for some speakers (Mensching 2000:35; Hualde 1992:38). According to Rigau (1995:282) and Wheeler et al. (1999:399), on the other hand, the subject always has to be postverbal in Catalan. There is thus interspeaker variation. All examples in the literature of preverbal subjects contain pronominals, which suggests that Catalan adverbial infinitivals pattern like LA Spanish and Sicilian:

- (13) *Abans de (%tu) sortir tu, va arribar en Joan.*  
 before of you.SG go.out.INF you.SG, go.3SG arrive.INF the Joan  
 ‘Before you went out, Joan arrived.’  
 (Cat.)

The postverbal subject could be an indication of high verb movement across the position of the subject. However, we have to exclude that the subject has remained in situ. This will become clear in the following section where both the infinitive and the subject precede adverbs from the LAS.

### 3.1.2 Adverbs

Testing verb movement with adverbs, we can conclude that the infinitive occupies a high position. As shown in the following selection of examples, the personal infinitives have to precede adverbs from the LAS:

- (14) a. *Mamma cucina assai pe magnà sempə (\*magnà) tutti quanti bbuonə.*  
 mother cook.3SG a.lot for eat.INF always eat.INF all how.many well  
 'Mother cooks a lot so that everyone always eats well.'
- b. *Prima e' (\*ancorə) succerə chestə ancorə, stevə al telefənə.*  
 before of again happen.INF this again, stay.IPFV.1SG at.the phone  
 'Before this happened again, I was on the phone.'
- c. *Convene 'e (\*sempə) ce parlà tu sempə.*  
 be.better.3SG of always to.him=speak.INF you.SG always  
 'It is better if you always speak to him.'

(SIDs, Moiano (BN))

- (15) a. *At segadu sos pratos pro non manigare pius (\*manigare) tue.*  
 have.3SG broken the plates for NEG eat.INF anymore eat.INF you.NOM  
 'S/he has broken the plates so you do not eat anymore.'

(Srd., Mensching 2000:123)

- b. *Maria cheriat a mandigare sempre (\*mandigare) bene (\*mandigare) sos*  
 Maria want.COND.3SG to eat.INF always eat.INF well eat.INF the  
*pizzinnos.*  
 boys  
 'Maria wanted the boys to always eat well.'

(NU, Srd.)

In all languages studied, the personal infinitive moves out of the LAS. Most postverbal subjects precede these adverbs as well, indicating that they too can move out of the VP. However, this is not the case in Sardinian (cf. (15b)) and it is not obligatory in Spanish or the SIDs.

For the HAS adverbs, there is a clear tendency across all languages studied: speakers prefer the infinitive to precede high adverbs. Although in most cases of HAS adverbs the infinitive can also marginally follow the adverb, this is not the unmarked order:

- (16) a. *Para llegar mañana (llegar) Pedro, el tren debe salir a tiempo.*  
 for arrive.INF tomorrow arrive.INF Pedro, the train must.3SG leave.INF in time  
 'For Pedro to arrive tomorrow, the train has to leave on time.'
- b. *De tomar generalmente (\*tomar) Juan dos vasos con la cena, ciertamente engordará.*  
 of take.INF generally take.INF Juan two glasses with the dinner certainly  
 gain.weight.FUT.3SG  
 'If Juan generally takes two glasses with dinner, he will certainly gain weight.'
- c. *?Sin saberlo yo francamente (\*saberlo), mi marido vendió mi casa.*  
 without know.INF=it I frankly know.INF=it my husband sell.PRET.3SG my house  
 'Without me knowing it frankly, my husband sold my house.'
- d. *?Se casaron justo al acabar afortunadamente (\*acabar) la guerra.*  
 REFL=marry.PRET.3PL just at.the end.INF fortunately end.INF the war  
 'They got married just when the war fortunately ended.'

(Sp.)

- (17) a. *Es van casar en desafortunadament començar (\*desafortunadament) la guerra.*  
 REFL=go.3PL marry.INF in unfortunately start.INF unfortunately the  
 war  
 'They married as the war unfortunately started.'
- b. *Abans de (#perdre) potser perdre tu la feina, hauríem de vendre la casa.*  
 before of lose.INF maybe lose.INF you.SG the job have.COND.1PL of sell.INF the  
 house  
 'Before you maybe lose your job, we should sell the house.'
- c. *Insultar el Jordi expressament (#insultar) la seva mare, va ser terrible.*  
 insult.INF the Jordi on.purpose insult.INF the his mother go.3SG be.INF terrible  
 'Jordi insulting his mother on purpose has been terrible.'

(Cat.)

The normal position for an adverb from the HAS is thus to follow the personal infinitive. Personal infinitives thus seem to move to a high position, possibly in the C-domain. This high position also explains the obligatory postverbal position of the subject.

### 3.1.3 Left-peripheral elements

Pragmatically marked constituents such as topics and foci generally precede both the infinitive and the nominative subject:

- (18) *Al el juez leer el verdicto, todo el mundo se levantó.*  
 at.the the judge read.INF the verdict, all the world REFL=stand.up.PRET.3SG  
 'When the judge read the verdict, everyone stood up.'  
 (Sp., Torrego 1998:n. 3)

- (19) a. *Io capisco so' femmene, e li femmene pe fà toletta, nce*  
 I understand.1SG be.3PL women and the women for make.INF toilet LOC=  
*vò la mano de lo Cielo.*  
 want.3SG the hand of the heaven  
 'I know they are woman, and for women to get ready requires divine intervention.'  
 b. *E tu pe t'ascì na parola da la vocca nce vonno de spuntanate.*  
 and you.SG for you=go.out.INF a word of the mouth LOC=want.3PL of urging  
 'And you, to get a word out of your mouth, it takes some encouragement.'  
 (Nap., Ledgeway 2000:140)

- (20) *(Această carte,) înainte de (\*această carte) a o citi eu, trebuie*  
 this book before of this book to it=read.INF I, be.necessary.3SG  
*s-o termine de citit Ana.*  
 SA it=finish.SBVJ.3SG of read.SUP Ana  
 'This book, before I read it, it is necessary that Ana finishes reading it.'  
 (Ro.)

This indicates that the infinitive is not in Force, but is instead located in a high position within the HAS or in Fin.

As noted by Ledgeway (2000:136), personal infinitives cannot be combined with complementisers such as the interrogative *se*. This does not however mean that they compete for the same position (viz. Force), as most of the personal infinitives are preceded by a non-finite

complementiser such as AD or DE, which in Italian arguably lexicalises Fin (cf. Rizzi 1997), and the verb is thus located lower than both Fin and Force, viz. in the I-domain. In Spanish and Catalan, personal infinitives are often preceded by the prepositions *al* or *en*. However, as seen in (18), these precede the focus phrase and are thus located higher than Fin.

### 3.1.4 Clitic placement

Clitics appear in proclisis in Romanian, Sardinian and Neapolitan personal infinitives,<sup>6</sup> suggesting that the infinitive is located lower than the clitic:

- (21) *Ion se teme a nu-l apuca iarna cu casa neterminată.*  
 Ion REFL=fear.3SG to not=him overtake.INF winter.DET with house.DET unfinished  
 ‘Ion is afraid of winter overtaking him with the house unfinished.’  
 (Ro., Pană Dindelegan 2013a:216)

- (22) *Bisonzat a l’ochiere tue.*  
 be.necessary.3SG to him=kill.INF you.SG  
 ‘It is necessary that you kill him.’  
 (Log. Srd., Ledgeway 2016b:1018)

This does not differentiate the infinitives from the finite verbs. In Catalan and Spanish, on the other hand, the clitic appears in enclisis:

- (23) *Rentar-se ell la roba era l’únic que podia fer.*  
 wash.INF=REFL he the clothes be.IPFV.3SG the only that can IPFV.3SG do.INF  
 ‘Doing the laundry himself was the only option.’  
 (Cat., Wheeler, Yates & Dols 1999:399)

In these varieties, we see that although personal infinitives have in common with finite verb forms that they license nominative subjects, they nevertheless do not show the same finiteness effects with clitics. If enclitics indeed indicate high verb-movement, the conclusion is that personal infinitives move higher than finite forms (cf. Schifano 2018, who argues that Catalan and Spanish are low V-movement languages, except in the subjunctive). It is however not likely that the difference in cliticisation between the different languages studied here indicates a difference in verb movement, given the similar results in preceding sections.

<sup>6</sup> In Neapolitan, both enclisis and proclisis are attested with infinitives (Ledgeway 2009a:333).

### 3.1.5 Conclusion

The following table summarises the results of this subsection:

Table 4.2 Movement of personal infinitive in Romance

Language	Movement
<b>Spanish</b>	HAS (across ‘generally’ Asp <sub>habitual</sub> )
<b>Catalan</b>	HAS (across ‘on purpose’ Mod <sub>volitional</sub> and ‘fortunately’ Mood <sub>eval</sub> , not across ‘maybe’ Mood <sub>irr</sub> )
<b>SIDs</b>	HAS (across ‘tomorrow’ T)
<b>Sardinian</b>	HAS (across always Asp <sub>perfect</sub> )
<b>Romanian</b>	HAS (across maybe Mood <sub>irr</sub> , fortunately Mood <sub>eval</sub> )

The various Romance languages under examination pattern remarkably similarly in that the personal infinitive occupies a high position within the inflectional domain. It precedes all the LAS adverbs and can precede most HAS adverbs. The infinitive follows constituents located in the C-domain.

### 3.2 Inflected infinitives

Some Romance languages present inflected infinitives which agree with their subject in both person and number, as can be seen in the European Portuguese example cited in (24):

- (24) *Será difícil eles aprovarem a proposta.*  
 be.FUT.3SG difficult they approve.INF.3.PL the proposal  
 ‘It will be difficult for them to accept the proposal.’

(EuPt, Raposo 1987:86)

Other Romance languages that present inflected infinitives include Brazilian Portuguese, Galician, old Leonese, old Neapolitan, and the Logudorese and Nuorese varieties of Sardinian.<sup>7</sup> In all these languages, the inflected infinitive consists, at least, of the regular infinitive to which inflectional endings are added. The inflected infinitive is not marked for tense or mood; it can be marked for aspect analytically, by combining the inflected infinitive of an auxiliary with a past participle. The

<sup>7</sup> Cf., among many others, Maurer (1968) Gondar (1978), Loporcaro (1986), Jones (1992; 1993; 1997), Pountain (1995), Vincent (1996; 1998), Ledgeway (1998; 2007; 2009a:920–32; 2012a:293–4; 2016b:1016–8), Mensching (2000), Sitaridou (2002), Scida (2004), Pires (2002; 2006), Sheehan, Blokzijl & Parafita Couto (to appear).

paradigm of the inflected infinitive is given for all six languages in Table 4.3 (cf. (Ledgeway 2012a:293; 2016b:1017):

Table 4.3 *Inflected infinitive in Romance*

	EuPt.	BrPt.	Gal.	Old Leonese	Srd.	ONap.
1SG	<i>cantar-Ø</i>	<i>cantar-Ø</i>	<i>cantar-Ø</i>	<i>cantar-Ø</i>	<i>kantáre-po</i>	<i>cantar(e)-Ø</i>
2SG	<i>cantar-es</i>		<i>cantar-es</i>	<i>cantar-es</i>	<i>kantáre-s</i>	<i>cantar(e)-Ø</i>
3SG	<i>cantar-Ø</i>	<i>cantar-Ø</i>	<i>cantar-Ø</i>	<i>cantar-Ø</i>	<i>kantáre-t</i>	<i>cantar(e)-Ø</i>
1PL	<i>cantar-mos</i>	<i>cantar-mos</i>	<i>cantar-mos</i>	<i>cantar-mos</i>	<i>kantáre-mus</i>	<i>cantar(e)-mo</i>
2PL	<i>cantar-des</i>		<i>cantar-des</i>	<i>cantar-des</i>	<i>kantáre-zis</i>	<i>cantar(e)-vo/ve</i>
3PL	<i>cantar-em</i>	<i>cantar-em</i>	<i>cantar-en</i>	<i>cantar-en</i>	<i>kantáre-n</i>	<i>cantar(e)-no</i>

As can be seen in Table 4.3, the languages vary with respect to the number of persons that have a designated ending. Whereas only Sardinian presents different endings for all six persons, old Neapolitan only has inflection for the plural. Brazilian Portuguese has the same endings as European Portuguese but has lost the second person endings across the whole verbal paradigm (Dubert & Galves 2016:426), leading to four forms of the inflected infinitive. In all languages, the inflected infinitive is always regular: the forms are the same for all verb classes, including irregular verbs.

The inflected infinitive can appear in a variety of contexts in all languages. It is found mostly in embedded clauses,<sup>8</sup> which can never be introduced by a finite complementiser (25):

- (25) \**Será difícil que os deputados aprovarem a proposta.*  
 be.FUT.3SG difficult that the deputies approve.INF.3.PL the proposal  
 ‘It will be difficult for them to accept the proposal.’

(EuPt., Raposo 1987:86)

Inflected infinitives are found in subject clauses, in various types of complement clauses (with Galician being relatively restrictive with respect to the types of complements) and in clausal adjuncts. European Portuguese and old Neapolitan also allow inflected infinitives in combination with causative and perception verbs whenever the embedded subject intervenes. Impossible contexts in all languages are raising verbs with a raised subject, modal verbs and contexts of exhaustive local subject control.

<sup>8</sup> In Portuguese and Galician, the inflected infinitive can also be found in main clauses, more specifically in root exclamatives (Álvarez Blanco, Monteagudo & Regueira 1986:386–7; Madeira 1994)

## 3.2.1 Subject positions

There are various diagnostics that can be used to establish the height of verb-movement of inflected infinitives. A first indication is provided by the relative position of the verb and the subject. The subject is postverbal in Sardinian (26). In Portuguese (27), it is usually preverbal.<sup>9</sup> However, inversion is also allowed with auxiliaries in Portuguese (27b) (Ambar 1994; Ambar & Jiménez-Fernández 2017):

- (26) *Non keljo a (\*tue) cantares (tue).*  
 not want.1SG to you.SG sing.INF.2.SG you.SG  
 'I do not want you to sing.'

(Srd., Jones 1992:297)

- (27) a. *Lamento eles perderem \*(eles) os documentos.*  
 regret.1SG they lose.INF.3.PL they the documents  
 'I regret that they lose the documents.'

(EuPt., Madeira 1994:183)

- b. *Lamento (eles) terem (eles) perdido os documentos.*  
 regret.1SG they have.INF.3.PL they lost the documents  
 'I regret that they have lost the documents.'

(EuPt., Madeira 1994:183)

In Sardinian the subject occupies a relatively low, or right-dislocated position, as the most natural word order is VOS, rather than VSO (Groothuis 2019). The subject position will therefore not be very informative about the position of the verb within the IP.

The Galician inflected infinitive allows both orders in adjuncts (28a), but permits only postverbal subjects in complements to declaratives and in subject clauses (28b):

- (28) a. *Para (ti) ires (ti) ó partido,*  
 for you.SG go.INF.2.SG you.SG to.the game  
 'For you to go to the game, ...'

(Gal., Parafita Couto 2002:46–7)

- b. *Será difícil (\*eles) aprobaren eles a proposta.*  
 be.FUT.3SG difficult they approve.INF.3.PL they the proposal

<sup>9</sup> The Portuguese inflected infinitive is also found with obligatory subject-verb inversion in declarative and epistemic complements, see §3.4.

'It will be difficult that they approve the proposal.'

(Gal., Sheehan & Parafita Couto 2011: 2)

It can easily be shown that when appearing postverbally, the subject has also left its base position:

- (29) *Para iren os nenos todos ó partido, ...*  
 for go.INF.3.PL the boys all to.the game  
 'For the boys all go to the game, ...'

(Gal.)

The grammaticality of the floating quantifier *todos* 'all' following the subject shows that the subject has moved out of the VP in Galician inflected infinitival clauses. This means that the verb has also left the VP.

In old Neapolitan, both subject orders are allowed, as is illustrated by the following almost minimal pair:

- (30) a. *per tanto pizola accaysune quanto fo quella de li Grieici essereno*  
 for such small occasion as be.PST.3SG that of the Greeks be.INF.3.PL  
*licenciate.*  
 dismissed  
 'for such a small cause as was the one of the Greeks being sent away.'  
 (ONap., LDT 75.10-11, *apud* Ledgeway 2007:927)
- b. *per tanto pizola accaysune, quale fo chesta de esserenno licenciati*  
 for such small occasion which be.PST.3SG that of be.INF.3.PL dismissed  
*li Greci*  
 the Greeks  
 'for such a small cause, which was this of the Greeks being sent away'  
 (ONap., LDT 53.14-15, *apud* Ledgeway 2007:927)

This difference in word order can be explained by movement of either the verb or the subject, or both. Due to a lack of data with floating quantifiers we cannot definitely exclude one or the other option.

### 3.2.2 Adverbs

A second diagnostic is provided by the position of adverbs with respect to the inflected infinitive. Adverbs of the LAS have to follow inflected infinitives:

- (31) a. *É preciso eles beberem frequentemente (\*beberem) água.*  
 be.3SG necessary they drink.INF.3.PL frequently drink.INF.3.PL water  
 'It is necessary that they frequently drink water.'
- b. *?É pena eles perderem já (\*perderem) o emprego.*  
 be.3SG pity they lose.INF.3.PL already lose.INF.3.PL the job  
 'It is a pity that they already lose their job.'
- c. *É preciso nós fazermos bem (\*fazermos) os exercícios.*  
 be.3SG necessary we do.INF.1.PL well do.INF.1.PL the exercises  
 'It is necessary for us to do the exercises well.'

(EuPt.)

- (32) a. *Appo fattu cussu po essereis torra (\*essereis) cuntentos.*  
 have.1SG done this for be.INF.2.PL again be.INF.2.PL happy  
 'I have done this for you to be happy again.'
- b. *Mariu at cunzau sa ventana pro no intenderet prus (\*intenderet) fritu.*  
 Mariu have.3SG closed the window for NEG feel.INF.3.SG anymore feel.INF.3.SG cold  
 'Mariu has closed the window in order not to feel cold anymore.'
- c. *Maria cheriat a mandigaren sempre (\*mandigaren) bene (\*mandigaren) sos*  
 Maria want.COND.3SG to eat.INF.3.PL always eat.INF.3.PL well eat.INF.3.PL the  
*pizzinnos.*  
 boys.  
 'Maria wants the boys to always eat well.'
- d. *Non credo de esseret dza (\*esseret) ghiratu Juanne.*  
 NEG believe.1SG of be.INF.3.SG already be.INF.3.SG returned Juanne  
 'I don't think Juanne has already returned.'

(NU, Srd.)

The following examples show that movement into the HAS is not obligatory, as speakers of European Portuguese and Galician allow adverbs from the HAS both to precede and follow the infinitive, although the preferred option is the infinitive preceding the adverb.

- (33) *É pena eles perderem provavelmente (\*?perderem) o emprego.*  
 be.3SG pity they lose.INF.3.PL probably lose.INF.3.PL the job  
 'It is a pity that they probably lose their job.'

(EuPt.)

- (34) *Nós lamentamos eles francamente /evidentemente /necessariamente*  
 we regret.1PL they frankly /evidently /necessarily  
*terem francamente /evidentemente*  
 have.INF.3.PL frankly evidently  
*/necessariamente recebido pouco dinheiro.*  
 necessarily received little money  
 'We regret that they have frankly/evidently/necessarily/fortunately received little money.'  
 (EuPt., Groothuis 2015:85)

- (35) a. *Os meninos lamentam (terem) os deputados cautelosamente (terem)*  
 the boys regret.3PL have.INF.3.PL the deputies cautiously have.INF.3.PL  
*votado a proposta.*  
 voted the proposal  
 b. *Os meninos lamentam terem cautelosamente os deputados (\*terem)*  
 the boys regret.3PL have.INF.3.PL cautiously the deputies have.inf.3.pl  
*votado a proposta.*  
 voted the proposal  
 'The boys regret that the deputies have cautiously voted for the proposal.'  
 (EuPt., Costa 2004:138)

In Sardinian, the infinitive necessarily has to precede the adverb *como* 'now':

- (36) *Mannedda cheriat a mandigaremus como (\*mandigaremus).*  
 grandmother want.IPFV.3SG to eat.INF.1.PL now eat.INF.1.PL  
 'Grandmother would like us to eat now.'  
 (Srd.)

Indeed, Costa (2004:138) argues on the basis of the examples in (35) that I-to-C movement is not obligatory in EuPt., because the verb can follow both the adverb and the subject. Given the impossibility of topicalisation (see below), the preverbal subject cannot be in a topicalised position and thus the verb, when appearing to the right of the subject, cannot be in the CP either. This set of examples also shows that a certain degree of verb movement is obligatory, as the inflected infinitive cannot appear after the lower subject position (indicated by the fact that the subject follows the adverb *cautelosamente*). This high position of the inflected infinitive is very different from the generally low position of the finite verb (Schifano 2018:134). It makes the

inflected infinitive more similar to the subjunctive (Schifano 2018:228), with which it is in competition.

Many higher adverbs prove unacceptable in inflected infinitival clauses, both in Galician and in Sardinian:

- (37) a. \*É *moi feo (aprobaren) eles desagraciadamente (aprobaren) a proposta.*  
 be.3SG very bad approve.INF.3.PL they unfortunately approve.INF.3.PL the proposal  
 'It is very bad that they unfortunately approved the proposal.'
- b. \*É *moi feo (perderen) eles probablemente (perderen) o traballo.*  
 be.3SG very bad lose.INF.3.PL they probably lose.INF.3.PL the work  
 'It is very bad for them to probably lose their job.'
- c. \*É *moi feo non responderes xeralmente (responderes).*  
 be.3SG very bad NEG answer.INF.2.SG generally answer.INF.2.SG  
 'It is very bad for you to not answer generally.'

(Gal.)

- (38) a. %*Maria at fattu cussu pro (comprenderemus) fortzis (comprenderemus)*  
 Maria have.3SG done this for understand.INF.1.PL maybe understand.INF.1.PL  
*sos problemas suos.*  
 the problems her  
 'Maria has done this so that we would maybe understand her problems.'
- b. %*Maridu meu at bendutu tottu pro comporaremus tzertu comporaremus*  
 husband mine have.3SG sold all for buy.INF.1.PL certainly buy.INF.1.PL  
*sa domu.*  
 the house  
 'My husband has sold everything so that we would certainly buy the house.'

(Srd.)

As will be discussed below, this could be due to the absence of direct anchoring: high adverbs might be difficult in general to use in embedded contexts which lack a direct anchoring point as speakers prefer to have them taking scope over the whole (finite main) sentence, which is directly anchored.

There is an almost complete lack of adverb data for the old Neapolitan inflected infinitive. In the database of the *Opera del vocabolario italiano*, various examples (n=71) can be found of

inflected infinitives by searching the endings of the inflected infinitive.<sup>10</sup> There are two occurrences of adverbs in these examples:

- (39) a. *Se ve placesse de trasirevo mo' a la vattaglya, ...*  
 if to.you.PL=pleased.SBJV.3SG of enter.INF.2.PL now to the battle  
 'If you would like to enter the battle now'  
 (ONap., *Dest. De Troya*, 25 p. 214, r.17)
- b. *Li quali sì se proferzeno de incontinente se apprestareno a venire.*  
 the which thus REFL=offer.PST.3PL of immediately REFL=hurry.INF.3PL to come.INF  
 'who offered to immediately hurry there.'  
 (ONap., *Dest. De Troya*, 4 p. 68, r. 20)

These examples show that the infinitive can raise across T (*mo'* 'now' can be analysed as a T-related adverb). On the other hand, the infinitive can also stay lower than *incontinente* 'immediately'. The data are too few to draw any strong conclusions, but it seems that there is an optional movement into the HAS in old Neapolitan inflected infinitives.

### 3.2.3 Left-peripheral elements

Third, we can test the relative order of the infinitive and elements in the left-periphery. Topicalisation is impossible both in factive and epistemic/declarative contexts in European Portuguese:

- (40) a. *\*Eu lamento, esse livro, terem eles lido.*  
 I regret.1SG this book have.INF.3.PL they read  
 b. *\*Eu lamento terem, esse livro, eles lido.*  
 I regret.1SG have.INF.3.PL this book they read  
 'This book, I regret they read it.'  
 (EuPt., Costa 2004:137)

In Galician subject clauses, the inflected infinitive can follow and precede left-peripheral phrases such as topics (41) and contrastive foci (42):

- (41) a. *Convén facermos todas as cousas.*  
 be.better.3SG do.INF.1.PL all the things

<sup>10</sup> The strings searched for were: *\*rmo, \*remo, \*rme, \*reme, \*rvo, \*revo, \*rve, \*reve, \*rno, \*reno, \*rene, \*rne*.

'It is better for us to do all the things.'

- b. *Convén, as cousas, facermol-as todas.*

be.better.3SG the things do.INF.1.PL=them all

- c. *Convén, facermol-as cousas todas.*

be.better.3SG do.INF.1.PL=the things all

'The things, it is better if we do them all.'

- (42) a. *Convén, HOXE facermo-las cousas, non mañá.*

be.better.3SG today do.INF.1.PL=the things NEG tomorrow

- b. *Convén, facermos HOXE as cousas, non mañá.*

be.better.3SG do.INF.1.PL today the things NEG tomorrow

'It is better to do the things today, not tomorrow.'

These topics and focused elements could indicate that there is optional movement of the inflected infinitive into the CP. However, it is more likely that the foci and topics instead can move to both the lower and the higher left periphery while the verb occupies the same position in both cases. This latter option will be assumed as the adverbs indicate a high placement of the infinitive.

Inflected infinitives in European Portuguese and Galician are generally not preceded by the (non-finite) complementisers, unlike their Old Neapolitan or Sardinian counterparts, which are always introduced by *a* or *de* when occurring in argumental position. Assuming that these lexicalise Fin, we can conclude that the Old Neapolitan and Sardinian inflected infinitives are therefore necessarily located within the IP.

### 3.2.4 Clitic placement

Finally, clitic placement might be indicative of the position of the verb. In European Portuguese, inflected infinitives show a different pattern of clitic placement from bare infinitives (Raposo & Uriagereka 2005). For instance, in adjuncts that are introduced by a preposition, the clitic can appear in proclisis and enclisis when the verb is a bare infinitive, but has to be proclitic in the case of an inflected infinitive (43):

- (43) *Para a vermos(\*-la) outra vez, faríamos tudo.*

for her=see.INF.1.PL(=her) another time do.COND.1PL all

'In order for us to see her one more time, we would do everything.'

(EuPt, Raposo & Uriagereka 2005: 683)

Enclisis is the only possibility in subject infinitival clauses (44):

- (44) (\**Te*) *convidarmos-te para a festa seria uma boa ideia.*  
 (you=) invite.INF.1.PL=you for the party be.COND.3SG a good idea  
 ‘To invite you to the party would be a good idea.’

(EuPt., Raposo & Uriagereka 2005: 684)

However, enclisis is not allowed when an operator such as focus or negation is present in the clause. In that case, only proclisis is allowed, just as in finite clauses:

- (45) *Não te convidarmos(-\*te) para a festa seria uma boa ideia.*  
 NEG you=invite.INF.1.PL=you for the party be.COND.3SG a good idea  
 ‘Not to invite you to the party would be a good idea.’

(EuPt., Raposo & Uriagereka 2005: 685)

It thus seems that negation and focalisation interfere with the verb movement.

Galician clitic placement generally follows the Portuguese pattern (Roberts 2016:795), but the clitic shows more mobility than in European Portuguese (Longa 1994). The canonical position for the clitic with inflected infinitives is in enclisis:

- (46) *Convén, as cousas, facermol-as todas.*  
 be.better.3SG the things do.INF.1.PL=them all  
 ‘It is better if we do all the things.’

(Gal.)

In Sardinian, in contrast, the clitic always appears in proclisis:

- (47) *Non keljo a bi vénneres tue.*  
 NEG want.1SG to LOC=come.INF.2.SG you.SG  
 ‘I don’t want you to come.’

(Srd., Jones 1993:279)

In old Neapolitan, clitics both precede and follow the infinitive (Vincent 1998; Ledgeway 2009a:920ff.):

- (48) a. *Macenate ordenò mangiarnose li pullitri de queste.*

Macenate order.PRET.3SG eat.INF.3PL=REFL the foals of these

‘Macenate ordered that their foals would be eaten.’

b. *Lo signor comandò queste cose se darenò ad te et non ad altro.*

the lord order.PRET.3SG these things REFL=give.INF.3.PL to you.SG and not to other

‘The lord ordered that these things should be given to you and not to others.’

(ONap., Ledgeway 2009a:923–4)

This supports the conclusion that movement within the IP was optional with inflected infinitives in Old Neapolitan.

### 3.2.5 Conclusion

Table 4.4 Movement of inflected infinitive in Romance

Language	V-Movement
EP	HAS/Fin across ‘probably’ Mod <sub>epistemic</sub>
Galician	HAS across ‘now’ T, optional across ‘maybe’ Mood <sub>irrealis</sub>
Sardinian	HAS across ‘now’ T
Old Neapolitan	optional movement in HAS across ‘now’ T

Within the inflected infinitives, a general pattern of high verb movement can be noted. In European Portuguese, adverbs indicate a possible high movement in all cases, where the infinitive can precede all adverbs. Clitic placement seems to confirm the high movement as enclisis is the only option in subject clauses and complements to epistemic and declarative verbs. However, this high movement is blocked in the presence of foci or negation, even though the subject still appears postverbally.

Also in Galician, the infinitive moves into the HAS, which is confirmed by the prevailing enclisis, the tendency to have adverbs follow the infinitive, and the postverbal subject in subject clauses. Finally, in Sardinian and Neapolitan, the infinitive can move up into the HAS as well. The movement of the old Neapolitan inflected infinitive seems to have an optional character, as both subjects and HAS can both precede and follow the infinitive. It should be noted however that our conclusion on the movement of the old Neapolitan inflected infinitive is limited by the nature of textual examples, which do not allow us to robustly test all the variables involved.

## 3.3 Infinitival clauses

## 3.3.1 Adverbs

The infinitive in subject clauses seems to raise quite high in most Romance languages. The infinitive moves out of the LAS, as it has to precede LAS adverbs across Romance; see the representative examples from European Portuguese (49), NIDs (50), and Sardinian (51):

- (49) a. *Treinar regularmente (\*treinar) parece uma boa ideia.*

train.INF regularly train.INF seem.3SG a good idea

‘It seems a good idea to train regularly.’

- b. *Precisa de trabalhar bem (\*trabalhar) para obter uma promoção.*

be.necessary.3SG of work.INF well work.INF for obtain.INF a promotion

‘It is necessary to work well to obtain a promotion.’

- c. *É impossível estar sempre acordado sem café.*

be.3SG impossible stay.INF always awake without coffee

‘It is impossible to always stay awake without coffee.’

(EuPt.)

- (50) a. *Ndar già (?ndar) a casa saria un pecà.*

go.INF already go.INF to home be.COND.3SG a sin

‘To go home already would be a pity.’

- b. *Magnar ben (\*magnar) xe fundamental.*

eat.INF well eat.INF be.3SG fundamental

‘Eating well is fundamental.’

- c. *Xe impossibile restar sempre (?\*restar) svegi senza un caffè.*

be.3SG impossible stay.INF always stay.INF awake without a coffee

‘It is impossible to always stay awake without a coffee.’

- d. *Non magnar pi (\*magnar) cioccolato saria masa difícil par mi.*

not eat.INF anymore eat.INF chocolate be.COND.3SG too difficult for me

‘Not eating chocolate anymore would be too difficult for me.’

(Ven.)

- (51) a. *A andare in palestra medas vortas achet bene.*

to go.INF in gym many times do.3SG well

‘Going often to the gym is good for you.’

- b. *Est meda importante a manicare bene (\*manicare).*

be.3SG very important to eat.INF well eat.INF

'It is very important to eat well.'

- c. *Diat èssere troppu difitzile, pro mene, a non bi manicare pius (\*manicare)*

AUX.COND be.INF too difficult for me to not LOC=eat.INF anymore eat.INF

*cicculatte.*

chocolate

'It would be too difficult for me to not eat chocolate anymore.'

(Srd., Orani (NU))

With HAS adverbs, there is more variation across varieties. However, a strong tendency to place the adverbs after the infinitive can be discerned:

- (52) a. *Perder probabilmente (\*perder) el lavoro xe na bruta situassion.*

lose.INF probably lose.INF the work be.3SG a ugly situation

'To probably lose one's job is an ugly situation.'

- b. *Trovar fortunatamente (\*trovar) dei amissi lo ga giutà.*

find.INF fortunately find.INF of.the friends him=have.3SG helped

'Finding fortunately some friends has helped him.'

- c. *(Ndar) necessariamente (ndar) ogni di a lavorar xe masa.*

go.INF necessarily go.INF every day to work.INF be.3SG too.much

'Going necessarily everyday to work is too much.'

(Ven.)

- (53) a. *(\*A sse trovà) pe ffortuna a sse trovà cacchà amica a aiutata.*

to REFL=find.INF for fortune to REFL=find.INF some friend have.3SG helped

'Finding fortunately some friends has helped.'

- b. *A jji pe fforzà (a jji) a ffaticà ognà juornà è ttroppà.*

to go.INF for force to go.INF to work.INF every day be.3SG too.much

'Going necessarily to work every day is too much.'

- c. *A pperde forsà a faticà è na bbrutta situazionà.*

to lose.INF maybe the work be.3SG a ugly situation

'To maybe lose one's job is an ugly situation.'

(SIDs, Moiano (BN))

- (54) a. *Làstima a ghirare como.*

be.pity.3SG to go.back.INF now

'It is a pity to go back now.'

- b. *A pèrdere vortzis su tribagliu est leggiu meda.*

to lose.INF maybe the work be.3SG ugly very

'To maybe lose one's job is very ugly.'

- c. *A accattare amicos pro vortuna (\*accattare) l'at azudau a s'ambientare.*

to find.INF friends for luck find.INF him=have.3SG helped to REFL=settle.in.INF

'Finding fortunately some friends has helped him to settle in.'

- d. *A andare per fortza (\*andare) cada die a tribagliare est troppu.*

to go.INF for force go.INF every day to work.INF be.3SG too.much

'Going to work necessarily everyday is too much.'

(Srd., Orani (NU))

For infinitival adjuncts, we have a similar picture, as can be seen in the following Italian examples:

- (55) a. *Siamo andati al paese per visitare di nuovo (\*visitare) il museo.*

be.1PL gone to.the village for visit.INF of new visit.INF the museum

'We went to the village to visit the museum again.'

- b. *La ragazza si veste bene per (essere) forse (\*essere) notata dal ragazzo.*

the girl REFL=dress.3SG well for be.INF maybe be.INF noticed by.the boy

'The girl dresses well in order to maybe be noticed by the boy.'

- c. *Ho pagato la cena a tutti senza (avere) francamente (avere)*

have.1SG paid the dinner to all without have.INF frankly have.INF

*abbastanza soldi.*

enough money

'I have paid the dinner for everyone without frankly having enough money.'

- d. *Per (rispondere) bene (\*rispondere) alla domanda, ho controllato la data.*

for answer.INF well answer.INF at.the question, have.1SG checked the date

'In order to answer the question well, I have checked the date.'

(It.)

In infinitival adjuncts, the infinitive also needs to precede the adverbs. In conclusion, then, the infinitive in most Romance languages, in both subject clauses and infinitival adjuncts, raises to a very high position.

At first glance, the situation seems different for French infinitives. As discussed in the literature (cf. Pollock 1989; Schifano 2018:244–46, a.o.), French infinitives show optional movement with LAS adverbs:

- (56) a. (*\*manger*) *déjà* (*manger*) *le gâteau serait un insulte à Silvie* (BFr.)  
 eat.INF already eat.INF the cake be.COND.3SG an insult to Silvie  
 'Eating the cake already would be an insult to Silvie.'
- b. (*Connaître*) *déjà* (*connaître*) *les questions serait un avantage.* (Fr.)  
 know.INF already know.INF the questions be.COND.3SG an advantage  
 'Knowing already the questions would be an advantage.'
- c. (*Sortir*) *toujours* (*sortir*) *le samedi soir est habituel chez les jeunes.*  
 go.out.INF always go.out.INF the Saturday evening be.3SG normal at the young  
 'Always going out on Saturday night is normal for young people.'
- d. (*Travailler*) *bien* (*travailler*) *est très important.*  
 work.INF well work.INF be.3SG very important  
 'To work well is very important.'

(Fr., Schifano 2015:82–3)

Verb movement in French thus seems optional. The infinitive can raise over any of the LAS adverbs, but does not always do so. In Walloon French, on the other hand, as shown by Schifano (2015:82–3), the infinitive cannot raise across *déjà*. This variety displays very low movement of the infinitive.<sup>11</sup>

Low verb movement is also demonstrated by the fact that lexical infinitives cannot raise over the negator *pas* in French (57a), only auxiliary infinitives can (57b), and, more marginally, modals:

- (57) a. *Ne (pas) sembler (\*pas) heureux est une condition pour écrire des romans.*  
 NEG NEG seem.INF (not) happy be.3SG a condition for write.INF of.the novels  
 'Not seeming happy is a condition for writing novels.'
- b. *Ne (pas) être (pas) heureux est une condition pour écrire des romans.*  
 NEG NEG be.INF NEG happy be.3SG a condition for write.INF of.the novels  
 'To be unhappy is a condition for writing novels.'

(Fr., Pollock 1989:373–4)

Other NPIs, which are located lower in the Cinquean hierarchy, can marginally be crossed by the infinitive:

<sup>11</sup> Incidentally, Walloon French also features very low movement of N(ouns) which are preceded by virtually all classes of adjectives (just like Germanic) (Bernstein 1991).

- (58) *Ne pas/plus fumer \*pas/?plus*  
 NEG NEG/anymore smoke.INF NEG/anymore  
 ‘Not to smoke (anymore).’

(Fr. Rowlett 2007:108)

*Pas* lexicalises the specifier of the NegP immediately under TP (lower than TP1 but higher than TP2 in Zanuttini’s (1997a:236) terms). We expect therefore that the optional movement cannot apply to any heads higher than Neg. The prediction that these data make is that infinitives necessarily follow the adverbs in the HAS, which is, however, not borne out at all:

- (59) a. *Partir maintenant (??partir) pour l’étranger l’enthousiasmait.*  
 leave.INF now leave.INF for the=abroad him=make.enthusiastic.IPFV.3SG  
 ‘Leaving now for a foreign country made him enthusiastic.’  
 b. *Gagner peut-être (\*gagner) à la loterie le faisait espérer.*  
 win.INF maybe win.INF at the lottery him=make.IPFV.3SG hope.INF  
 ‘Maybe winning at the lottery gave him hope.’  
 c. *?Être possiblement (\*?être) rejeté fait peur à tous.*  
 be.INF possibly be.INF rejected make.3SG fear to all  
 ‘Everyone is afraid of possibly being rejected.’  
 d. *?Perdre probablement (\*perdre) son travail serait une condition terrible.*  
 lose.INF probably lose.INF his work be.COND.3SG a condition terrible  
 ‘To probably lose one’s job would be a terrible condition.’

French infinitival movement thus seems optional across LAS adverbs but is actually obligatory across HAS adverbs. These puzzling results will be discussed further in §4.3 below.

### 3.3.2 Left-peripheral elements

Infinitival subject clauses can feature both topics and foci, as in the following examples:

- (60) a. *(\*El vestit adequat) trobar-lo, el vestit adequat, és difícil per a una núvia.*  
 the dress right find.INF=it the dress right be.3SG difficult for DOM a bride.  
 ‘The right dress, finding it is difficult for a bride.’  
 b. *(\*Un cotxe) comprar un cotxe és car, però una bicicleta no.*  
 a car buy.INF a car be.3SG expensive but a bicycle NEG  
 ‘Buying a car is expensive, not a bicycle.’

(Cat.)

- (61) a. *(Trovarlo), l'abito giusto, (%trovarlo) è difficile per una sposa.*  
 find.INF=it the dress right find.INF=it be.3SG difficult for a bride  
 'The right dress, finding it is difficult for a bride.'
- b. *Comprare una macchina (\*comprare) è costoso, non uno scooter.*  
 buy.INF a car buy.INF be.3SG expensive NEG a scooter  
 'To buy a car is expensive not a scooter.'

(It.)

- (62) a. *(Trovarla) ea soussion (trovarla) no xe sempre fassile.*  
 find.INF=it the solution find.inf=it NEG be.3SG always easy  
 'The solution, finding it is not always easy.'
- b. *Me piazze parlar sempre in venexian (\*sempre), no in italiano.*  
 to.me=please.3SG speak.INF always in Venetian always NEG in italian  
 'I like to always speak in Venetian, not in Italian.'

(Ven.)

From my data it emerges that in Italian, Catalan, NIDs, and SIDs infinitives cannot be preceded by foci, and only by topics when the whole clause is extraposed. The focus element that is following the infinitive is located in the lower periphery, as can be seen when an adverb is inserted, as in (62b). The focus necessarily follows the adverb of the LAS, which shows that the focus is not in the higher left periphery. The fact that topics and foci follow the infinitive does thus not necessarily mean that they are located within the C-domain, as the lower periphery is employed in these cases, and the infinitive can also be preceded by topics in certain cases. Cinque (1999:227 n.8) finds the same for topics, but gives different data with foci for Italian:

- (63) a. *A Gianni scrivere (non a Mario) sarebbe opportuno!*  
 to Gianni write.INF NEG to Mario be.COND.3SG appropriate  
 'Writing to Gianni, not to Mario, would be appropriate!'
- b. *\*?Quell'informazione, averla già avuta ci dà un vantaggio.*  
 that information have.INF=it already had us=give.3SG an advantage  
 'That piece of information, to have had it already is an advantage for us.'

(It., Cinque 1999:227 n.8)

There is thus interspeaker variation in terms of whether foci can precede the infinitive, but my speakers prefer the topic to follow the infinitive. This situation is reminiscent of the inflected infinitives; the infinitival clause has a reduced left-periphery, which can host only topics but which is not employed by all speakers, and the verb does not move to the highest position within the CP.

### 3.3.3 Clitic placement

In most Romance languages, clitics appear in enclisis on the infinitive, as seen in the following representative examples:

- (64) *Falar-lhe seria um error.*  
 speak.INF=to.him be.COND.3SG a mistake  
 ‘Speaking to him would be a mistake.’

(EuPt., Roberts 2016:791)

- (65) *Cucinarlo non è facile.*  
 cook.INF=it NEG be.3SG easy  
 ‘It is not easy to cook it.’

(It.)

In contrast, in Romanian and in French, the clitic appears proclitically:

- (66) *Înainte de a o vinde, vreau să citesc cartea.*  
 before of to it=sell.INF want.1SG SA read.SBJV.1SG book.DET  
 ‘Before selling it, I want to read the book.’

(Ro.)

- (67) *Il ne faut pas le faire.*  
 it NEG be.necessary.3SG NEG it=do.inf  
 ‘You should not do it.’

(Fr.)

These data suggest that the infinitive moves less high in these two languages than according to Kayne (1991). However, this is not confirmed by the adverb data for Romanian, nor the higher adverbs in French. I conclude that this test might not be as robust as previously thought.

### 3.3.4 Conclusion

The following table gives an overview of the results of this section:

Table 4.5 Movement of infinitive in Romance

Language	Movement infinitive
European Portuguese	HAS
Catalan	C/Fin or HAS?, across ‘maybe’, Mod <sub>irrealis</sub>
Spanish	In HAS, across ‘necessarily’ Mod <sub>necessity</sub>
French	Optional across LAS, obligatory across HAS, see §4.3
Italian	In Fin/HAS across probably ‘Mod <sub>epistemic</sub> ’
NIDs	In Fin/HAS across fortunately ‘Mod <sub>eval</sub> ’
SIDs	HAS, optionally across ‘necessarily’ Mod <sub>necessity</sub>
Sardinian	C/HAS across ‘fortunately’ Mod <sub>eval</sub>
Romanian	HAS across ‘probably’ Mod <sub>epistemic</sub>

Generally, infinitives in subject clauses seem to move to a high position in the HAS or Fin, confirming Schifano’s (2015; 2018) data. The most noticeable exception is given by French, where movement into the inflectional domain seems entirely optional with LAS adverbs, but not with HAS adverbs. This puzzle will be discussed further in §4.3.

### 3.4 Aux-to-Comp

The phenomenon of Aux-to-Comp, whereby an auxiliary occurs in complementiser position yielding subject inversion, was first discussed by Rizzi (1982:chap. 3). In Italian, this verb-subject order occurs in five high-register constructions: infinitives selected by epistemic/declarative verbs (68), conditional sentences with dropped *se* ‘if’ (70), subjunctive complements with dropped *che*, gerunds (71), and nominalised infinitives headed by the article (72) and certain prepositional adjuncts. Other Romance languages feature the same phenomenon, albeit in fewer contexts. European Portuguese has Aux-to-Comp in inflected infinitival complements to epistemic and declarative verbs (69); Spanish has it with uninflected, personal infinitives, complements to epistemic, declarative or factive verbs (in the latter case preceded by the article *el*); and French features Aux-to-Comp in embedded infinitival *wh*-questions and *wh*-relatives (73):<sup>12</sup>

- (68) *Suppongo non esser la situazione suscettibile di ulteriori miglioramenti.*  
 suppose.1SG NEG be.INF the situation sensitive of further improvements  
 ‘I suppose that the situation is not sensitive to further improvements.’

<sup>12</sup> None of my informants accepted these sentences so French will not be discussed further in this section.

(It., Rizzi 1982:79–80)

- (69) *Eu afirmo (\*os deputados) terem os deputados trabalhado pouco.*  
 I claim.1SG the deputies have.INF.3.PL the deputies worked little  
 ‘I claim that the deputies have worked little.’

(EuPt., Raposo 1987:87, 98)

- (70) a. *Se lui avesse capito al volo, tutto sarebbe andato bene.*  
 if he have.SBVJ.IPFV.3SG understood at.the flight all be.COND.3SG gone well  
 b. *(\*Lui) avesse lui capito al volo, tutto sarebbe andato bene.*  
 he have.SBVJ.IPFV.3SG he understood at.the flight all be.COND.3SG gone well  
 ‘If he had understood right away, everything would have gone well.’

(It., Rizzi 1982:84)

- (71) *Essendo Gianni (\*essendo) disposto ad aiutarci, ...*  
 be.GER Gianni be.GER willing to help.INF=us  
 ‘Gianni being willing to help us, ...’

(It., Rizzi 1982:83)

- (72) *L’aver lui affermato che ti vuole aiutare non implica che sei fuori dai guai.*  
 the have.INF he confirmed that you=want.3SG help.INF NEG implies that be.2SG  
 outside from.the problems  
 ‘Him having confirmed that he wants to help you does not mean that you are out of trouble.’

(It., Rizzi 1982:85–6)

- (73) *Qui Pierre croit-il avoir frappé un voleur?*  
 who Pierre believe.3SG=he have.INF hit a burglar  
 ‘Who does Pierre believe to have hit a burglar?’

(Fr., Bošković 1997:68)

This learned phenomenon is stylistically marked, albeit to various degrees for these classes of examples. With the Italian infinitives and conditional clauses, the phenomenon is extremely formal. In case of gerunds, inversion occurs in moderately formal registers. The inversion triggered by the drop of the subjunctive complementiser is not natural for all speakers (Rizzi 1982:85; Giorgi & Pianesi 1996:145).

There are restrictions on temporal and aspectual properties of the embedded verb in all languages (Ambar 1994; Bošković 1997:67–8; Ledgeway 2000:295–7; Skytte, Salvi & Manzini 2001:527–9; Ambar & Jiménez-Fernández 2017), here exemplified by EuPt. Stative (74) but not eventive predicates (75) can occur in the Aux-to-Comp construction. The embedded predicate may however consist of an auxiliary with past participle allowing for a single event reading in the past (76a) or if the infinitive is a eventive predicate with a generic or habitual reading (76b):

(74) a. *Penso estarem eles em condições de apurar a verdade.*

think.1SG be.INF.3.PL they in conditions to discover.INF the truth

‘I think that they are in the condition to discover the truth.’

b. *Afirmo serem eles capazes de resolver o problema.*

declare.1SG be.INF.3.PL they able of solve.INF the problem

‘I declare that they are capable of solving the problem.’

(EuPt, Ambar & Jimenez-Fernandez 2017:2015)

(75) a. *\*Penso comerem os miúdos este bolo.*

think.1SG eat.INF.3PL the kids this cake

‘I think that the kids eat this cake.’

b. *\*Afirmo comprarem eles o livro.*

declare.1SG buy.INF.3PL they the book

‘I declare that they buy the book.’

(EuPt, Ambar & Jimenez-Fernandez 2017:2014)

(76) a. *Penso terem os meninos comprado ontem o(s) livro(s)*

think.1SG have.INF.3.PL the students bought yesterday the books

*recomendado(s).*

recommended

‘I think the students bought the recommended book(s) yesterday.’

b. *Penso terem os meninos comprado ultimamente o(s) livro(s)*

think.1SG have.INF.3.PL the students bought lately the books

*recomendados.*

recommended

‘I think that the students bought the recommended books lately.’

(EuPt, Ambar & Jiménez-Fernández 2017:2013)

The phenomenon is not a direct continuation of the Latin *AcI* (cf. chapter 3§2); its subject is nominative, not accusative:

- (77) *l'essere io disposto ad aiutarvi, ..*  
 the be.INF I.NOM willing to help.INF=you  
 'The fact that I am willing to help you, ..'

(It., Rizzi 1986:87)

### 3.4.1 Subject positions

The subject occurs obligatorily postverbally in Aux-to-Comp contexts; more specifically, it intervenes between the auxiliary and the rest of the predicate. That this word order is grammatical at all is surprising given the impossibility of this order in finite clauses in modern Romance (Rizzi 1986, Giorgi & Pianesi 1996):

- (78) a. *\*Ha Mario accettato di aiutarci.*  
 have.3SG Mario accepted of help.INF=us  
 'Mario accepted to help us.'  
 b. *\*È Mario disposto ad aiutarci.*  
 be.3SG Mario willing to help.INF=us  
 'Mario is willing to help us.'

(It.)

It was however allowed in many medieval Romance varieties which were verb-second languages (cf. Wolfe 2019 and references therein). The obligatory inversion in these contexts has been taken as an indication of a high position of the auxiliary (Rizzi 1982:chap. 3), which has been analysed as Comp (just as V2). Assuming a split CP, the question is exactly which position is targeted by the verb: V2 in Romance could be movement to both Fin and Force (Wolfe 2019). We will use adverbs and left peripheral elements as diagnostics to establish more precisely the location of the verb.

### 3.4.2 Adverbs

With regard to verb movement in this particular construction, Cinque (1999:149) notes that "as expected, the past participle in the Aux-to-Comp absolute construction also precedes all lower AdvPs." This is confirmed by our data:

- (79) a. *(\*Troppo) avendo Laura (\*troppo) cotto troppo la pasta, gli ospiti*

too.much have.GER Laura too.much cooked too.much the pasta the guests  
*si lamentarono.*

REFL=complain.PRET.3PL

'Since Laura cooked the pasta too much, the guests complained.'

- b. (\**Sempre*) *essendo* (\**sempre*) *la ragazza* (?*sempre*) *stata sempre in ritardo, da*  
 always be.GER always the girl always been always in delay from  
*quel momento non l'aspettarono più.*

that moment NEG her=await.PRET.3PL anymore

'Since the girl had always been too late, from that moment on, they did not wait for her anymore.'

(It.)

Indeed, the preferred order for both examples is for the adverb to follow both the auxiliary gerund and the past participle. Both the gerund and participle undergo obligatory movement. However, the movement of the participle is already optional with higher functional heads of the LAS. The movement of the gerund on the other hand is obligatory across all functional heads in the LAS.

Likewise, the infinitive in complements to epistemic and declarative verbs needs to precede all adverbs both from the HAS and the LAS:

- (80) a. *Sostengo non esserci fortunatamente* (\**esserci*) *state complicazioni.*  
 argue.1SG NEG be.INF=LOC fortunately be.INF=LOC been complications

'I argue that there fortunately have not been any complications.'

- b. *Il direttore ritenne poter forse* (\**poter*) *fallire*  
 the director believe.PRET.3SG can.INF maybe be.able.INF go.bankrupt.INF  
*la ditta.*

the company

'The director believed that the company could maybe go bankrupt.'

- c. *Afferma non essere sempre* (\**essere*) *necessaria la procedura*  
 state.3SG NEG be.INF always be.INF necessary the procedure  
*amministrativa.*

administrative

'He states that the administrative procedure is not always necessary.'

- d. *Dichiaro non essere più* (\**essere*) *autorizzata la commissione.*  
 declare.1SG NEG be.INF anymore be.INF authorised the committee

'I declare the committee to not be authorised anymore.'

(It.)

If the verb is in the C-domain, it should also precede all adverbs from the HAS. This prediction is borne out, but only if the subject also precedes these adverbs.

- (81) *\*Ritenevano aver probabilmente lui sbagliato troppe volte.*  
 think.IPFV.3PL have.INF probably he made.mistake too.many times  
 ‘They thought he had made mistakes too many times.’  
 (It.)

- (82) *Penso comprare evidentemente /necessariamente/felizmente (\*?comprarem)*  
 think.1SG buy.INF.3PL evidently necessarily fortunately buy.INF.3PL  
*eles frequentemente livros de física.*  
 they frequently books of physics  
 ‘I think they buy evidently/necessarily/fortunately frequently physics books.’  
 (EuPt., Groothuis 2015:78)

- (83) *Lamento el (\*estúpidamente) haber (\*estúpidamente) comido (?estúpidamente) los*  
 regret.1SG the (stupidly) have.INF stupidly eaten stupidly the  
*niños (estúpidamente) demasiadas chocolatinas.*  
 children stupidly too.many chocolates  
 ‘I regret that the children have stupidly eaten too many chocolates.’  
 (Sp.)

According to Belletti (2008:37–38), nothing can intervene between the auxiliary and the subject because that would block Case-assignment. Indeed, in the following examples of gerunds with Aux-to-Comp, speakers prefer the order in which both subject and infinitive precede the adverb:

- (84) a. *??Avendo fortunatamente l'alunno studiato, il maestro era contento.*  
 have.GER fortunately the student studied the teacher be.IPFV.3SG happy  
 b. *Fortunatamente avendo l'alunno studiato, il maestro era contento.*  
 fortunately have.GER the student studied, the teacher be.IPFV.3SG happy  
 c. *?Avendo l'alunno fortunatamente studiato, il maestro era contento.*  
 have.GER the student fortunately studied the teacher be.IPFV.3SG happy  
 ‘The student having fortunately studied, the teacher was happy.’  
 (It.)

- (85) a. *Avendo lui probabilmente accettato di aiutarti...*

- have.GER he probably accepted of help.INF=you  
 b. ?\**Avendo probabilmente lui accettato di aiutarti...*  
 have.GER probably he accepted of help.INF=you

(It.)

This seems to indicate that both the subject and infinitive or gerund need to move to the C-domain, otherwise the subject is expected to follow higher adverbs such as *fortunatamente* 'fortunately' and *probabilmente* 'probably'.

### 3.4.3 Left-peripheral elements

Focalisation is possible in complements to epistemic and declarative verbs:

- (86) *A Maria disse só ontem o terem(\*-no) visto.*  
 the Mary say.PRET.3SG only yesterday him=have.INF.3PL seen  
 'Mary said that only yesterday did they see him.'

(EuPt., Raposo &amp; Uriagereka 2005: 685)

- (87) *Penso só eles terem votado a proposta.*  
 think.1SG only they have.INF.3.PL voted the proposal  
 'I think that only they have voted for the proposal.'

(EuPt., Ambar &amp; Jiménez-Fernández 2017:5 n.2)

- (88) *\*Creio esse livro, terem-o já lido.*  
 believe.1SG this book have.INF.3.PL=it already read  
 'This book, I believe they already read it.'

(EuPt.)

This indicates that the left periphery can be activated in an inflected infinitival clause by moving elements into a Focus position. Topicalisation, on the other hand, is not possible. The inflected infinitive follows the focused constituent. From this, we can conclude that the inflected infinitive is located in a relatively low position within the C-domain, such as Fin.

In Italian, in contrast, only the lower focus position is available, as can be seen in the following example:

- (89) *La commissione ritiene (\*il bilancio) aver (\*il bilancio) la ditta (\*il*

the committee believe.3SG the balance have.INF the balance the company the  
*bilancio*) falsificato il bilancio, non gli altri documenti.  
 balance falsified the balance NEG the other documents  
 'The committee believes that the company has falsified the balance, not the other  
 documents.'

(It.)

Focused elements will therefore not be informative about the exact location of the auxiliary infinitive within the left periphery in Italian.

#### 3.4.4 Clitic positions

Enclisis is the only possibility in infinitival clauses that are the complement to epistemic verbs (90), as well as gerunds. However, in EuPt., enclisis is not allowed when an operator such as negation or focus is present in the clause. In that case, as shown in (91) and (92), only proclisis is allowed, just as in finite clauses:

- (90) *A Maria disse (\*o) terem-no visto ontem.*  
 the Mary say.PRET.3SG him=have.INF.PL =him seen yesterday  
 'Mary said that they saw him yesterday.'

(EuPt., Raposo &amp; Uriagereka 2005: 684)

- (91) *Ela pensa não a terem(\*-na) os rapazes visto.*  
 she think.3SG NEG her =have.INF.3.PL=her the boys seen  
 'She thinks that the boys have not seen her.'

(EuPt., Madeira 1994:196)

- (92) *A Maria disse só ontem o terem(\*-no) visto.*  
 the Mary say.PRET.3SG only yesterday him=have.INF.PL =him seen  
 'Mary said that only yesterday they saw him.'

(EuPt., Raposo &amp; Uriagereka 2005: 685)

Given the change in position of the clitic when a focused element or negation is present, we can assume that both focus and negation interfere with the movement of the inflected infinitive to its regular high position within the C-domain.

With gerunds, the clitic appears in enclisis. This clitic placement therefore does not match up with the results from adverb placement and will be taken to reflect other cross-linguistic variation than (only) verb movement.

### 3.4.5 Conclusion

The result of the preceding sections can be summarised with the following table:

Table 4.6 Movement of Aux-to-Comp Verbs in Romance

Language	V-movement Aux-to-Comp
Italian	C-domain
Portuguese	Fin (lower in case of Neg/Focus)
Spanish	HAS/C-domain

In Portuguese and Italian, the infinitival form of Aux-to-Comp moves into a position within the CP as it obligatorily precedes all the adverbs of the Cinquean hierarchy. The exact position within the CP is unclear for Italian, as focalisation is impossible within the left periphery of the clause. For EuPt., the position of focused constituents is preceding the inflected infinitive, which might therefore be located in a low position within the CP. However, since the clitic in those cases appears in proclisis rather than enclisis, it is probably the case that focus interferes with the verb movement. The verb might be in a lower position whenever a focused element is fronted.

## 3.5 Gerunds

### 3.5.1 Adverbs

Gerunds in all the languages under examination raise out of the LAS, as can be shown by the fact that they necessarily precede all LAS adverbs:

- (93) a. *Leyendo completamente (\*leyendo) los libros, aprobarás el examen.*  
 read.GER completely read.GER the books pass.FUT.2SG the exam  
 'If you read the books completely, you will pass the exam.'
- b. *Estudiando siempre (\*estudiando), aprobarás el examen.*  
 study.GER always study.GER pass.FUT.2SG the exam  
 'If you always study, you will pass the exam.'
- c. *María ganó una medalla cantando bien (\*cantando).*  
 Maria win.PRET.3SG a medal sing.GER well singing

'Maria won a medal by singing well.'

(Sp.)

- (94) a. *Nous nous sommes échappés en courant vite (\*courant).*

we REFL=be.1SG escaped in run.GER quick run.GER

'We escaped running quickly.'

- b. *Il communiquait avec son chef en utilisant toujours (en utilisant) son numéro*

he communicate.IPFV.3SG with his boss in use.GER always in use.GER his number

*personnel.*

personal

'He communicated with his boss using always his personal number.'

- c. *N'ayant plus (\*ayant) d'argent, Marc a dû revenir à*

NEG=have.GER anymore have.GER of=money Marc have.3SG must come.back.INF at

*la maison.*

the house

'Not having money anymore, Marc had to come back home.'

(Fr.)

- (95) a. *Lezendo ben (\*lezendo) ea riceta, so sta bon de far dei bigoli*

read.GER well read.GER that recipe be.1SG been good of make.INF of.the bigoli

*in salsa.*

in sauce.

'Reading the recipe well, I have been good at making bigoli in salsa.'

- b. *Magnando masa (\*magnando), Beppi se ga sentio mal.*

eat.GER too.much eat.GER Beppe REFL=have.3SG felt bad

'Eating too much, Beppe did not feel well.'

(Ven.)

- (96) a. *A caștigat competiția cântând bine (\*cântând).*

have.3SG won competition.DET sing.GER well sing.GER

'S/he has won the competition by singing well.'

- b. *Învățând întotdeauna (\*învațând), ai trece examenul.*

learn.GER always learn.GER AUX.FUT.2SG pass.INF exam.DET

'By always studying, you will pass the exam.'

(Ro.)

- (97) a. *Semus essios currende lestros (\*currende).*

be.1PL gone.out run.GER quickly run.GER

'We went out running quickly.'

- b. (*\*Troppu*) *avende* (*\*troppu*) *manicau troppu*, *Giuseppe si est intesu male*.  
 too.much have.GER too.much eaten too.much Giuseppe REFL=be.3SG felt bad  
 'Having eaten too much, Giuseppe felt bad.'

- c. *A bintu sa gara sonande bene* (*\*sonande*) *sa chitarra*.  
 have.3SG won the match play.GER well play.GER the guitar  
 'He has won the competition by playing the guitar well.'

(Srd., Orani (NU))

That gerunds raise very high is shown by the following examples. All speakers tend to place all HAS adverbs after the gerund, whether it is an auxiliary or full lexical verb:

- (98) a. *Equivocando-se estúpidamente* (*\*equivocando-se*) *de dirección*,  
 make.mistake.GER =REFL stupidly make.mistake.GER =REFL of direction,  
*llegó muy tarde*.  
 arrive.PRET.3SG very late  
 'Stupidly getting the direction wrong, he arrived very late.'

- b. *Trabajando ahora* (*\*trabajando*), *lo acabaré mañana*.  
 worki.GER now work.GER it=finish.FUT.1SG tomorrow  
 'Working now, I'll finish it tomorrow.'

(Sp.)

- (99) a. *En partant maintenant* (*\*en partant*), *nous pourrions arriver à l'heure*.  
 in leave.GER now in leave.GER we can.COND.1PL arrive.INF at the hour  
 'If we leave now, we could arrive in time.'

- b. *Je me suis perdue dans le vieux centre de la cité, (en me trompant)*  
 I me=be.1SGlost in the old centre of the city in me=err.GER  
*apparemment (en me trompant) de route*.  
 apparently in me=err.GER of street  
 'I got lost in the old city centre because I got the route wrong.'

(Fr.)

- (100) a. *Savendo fortunatamente* (*#savendo*) *tute le risposte, passò l'esame*.  
 know.GER fortunately know.GER all the answers pass.pret.3SG the exam  
 'Fortunately knowing all the answers, he passed the exam.'

- b. *(purtroppo) sbagliando strada (purtroppo), so rivà tardi.*  
 unfortunately make.mistake.GER street unfortunately be.1SG arrived late  
 'Unfortunately making a mistake in the route, I arrived late.'

(Ven.)

- (101)a. *Cumenzande como (\*cumenzande), as a inire su trabballu in tempus.*  
 start.GER now start.GER AUX.FUT.2SG to finish.INF the work in time  
 'If you start now, you will finish the job on time.'

- b. *?Essendesi stupidamente (\*essendesi) sbaliau, a perdiu tottu su dinare.*  
 be.GER=REFL stupidly be.GER=REFL mistaken, have.3SG lost all the money  
 'Having stupidly made an error, he lost all the money.'

(Srd., Orani (NU))

- (102)a. *Greşind proşteste (\*greşind) strada din nou, am ajuns prea târziu.*  
 err.GER stupidly err.GER street of new have.1SGe arrived too late  
 'Stupidly getting the route wrong, I arrived too late.'

- b. *(plecând) acum (\*plecând), aş putea să ajung la timp.*  
 leave.GER now leave.GER AUX.COND.1SG can.INF SA arrive.1SG to time  
 'Leaving now, I could arrive on time.'

(Ro.)

There is thus a clear indication that the gerund occupies a high position within the IP in all languages.

### 3.5.2 Left-peripheral elements

Foci can only follow the gerund in Italian, as can be seen in the following example:

- (103)a. *Mi sono preparata all'esame, leggendo QUESTO LIBRO (\*leggendo), non quell'altro.*  
 REFL=be.1SG prepared to.the exam, read.GER this book read.GER NEG  
 that other  
 'I prepared for the exam reading this book, not that other one.'
- b. *Mi sono preparata all'esame leggendo bene QUESTO LIBRO (bene), non*  
 REFL=be.1SG prepared to.the exam, read.GER well this book well NEG

*quell'altro.*

that other

'I prepared for the exam reading this book well, not that other one.'

(It.)

The fact that the adverb can follow and precede the focus phrase shows that the gerund must always precede the focused constituent, whether it is located in the higher or lower left periphery. The gerund is therefore probably located in the C-domain, possibly Force.

### 3.5.3 Clitic placement

Almost all Romance languages place the clitic after the gerund, here exemplified by European Portuguese, Venetan and Romanian. In French, on the other hand, clitics appear in proclisis on the gerund:

(104) *Enganando-me*                      *no itinerário,*    *cheguei*                      *atrasado.*

make.mistakes.GER=REFL    in.the route    arrive.PRET.1SG late

'Stupidly making a mistake on the route, I arrived late.'

(EuPt.)

(105) *Go*                      *cusinà*    *el pesse (\*lo) sfritegandolo.*

have.1SG cooked    the fish (it=) fry.GER=it

'I have cooked the fish by frying it.'

(Ven.)

(106) *(\*il) vâzându-l,*    *am*                      *fugit*                      *imediat.*

see.GER=him,                      have.1SG run.away    immediately

'When I saw him, I ran away immediately.'

(Ro.)

(107) *Lui disant*                      *que, ..*

to.him=say.GER that

'Saying to him that..'

(Fr., Roberts 2016:794)

This seems to suggest that French gerunds move lower than gerunds in other Romance languages. However, this is not confirmed by the adverb data, and thus has to be explained with a different position of the clitic (cf. the infinitive in §3.3.3 above) in French, which will be left aside here. Again, clitic placement does not seem to correlate exactly with verb movement.

### 3.5.4 Conclusion

Table 4.7 Movement of gerunds in Romance

Language	Movement gerund
European Portuguese	HAS/C across ‘probably’ Mod <sub>epistemic</sub>
Spanish	HAS/C across ‘stupidly’ Mood <sub>evaluative</sub>
Catalan	HAS/C across ‘apparently’ Mod <sub>evidential</sub>
French	HAS/C across ‘apparently’ Mod <sub>evidential</sub>
Italian	HAS/C across ‘stupidly’ Mood <sub>eval</sub> and focus
NIDs	HAS/C across ‘fortunately’ Mood <sub>eval</sub>
Sardinian	HAS/C across ‘stupidly’ Mood <sub>eval</sub>
Romanian	HAS/C across ‘stupidly’ Mood <sub>eval</sub>

Gerunds move quite uniformly across Romance. They all occupy a high position within the HAS. The Italian gerund can even raise higher into the C-domain, given the fact that it can precede foci.

### 3.6 Past participial clauses

In formal registers, Romance languages can use an absolute construction featuring a past participle which forms a subordinate clause which can be syntactically independent from the matrix clause (Belletti 1990:chap. 2; 2006; Perlmutter 1989; Loporcaro 2003; De Roberto 2012). Past participial clauses<sup>13</sup> are formed by a past participle followed by a DP and possibly some other complements of the verb. There is obligatory agreement in gender and number between the past participle and the DP:

- (108) a. *Finita*                      *la festa,*      *tutti* *tornarono*                      *a casa.*  
           finished.PTC.F.SG    the party      all      return.PRET.3PL    at home  
           ‘After the party finished, everyone returned home.’  
       b. *Venduta*                      *la casa,*      *la famiglia si trasferì*                      *all'estero.*

<sup>13</sup> Often referred to as ‘absolute past participles’, but, as will become clear below, not all instances of past participle clauses are ‘absolute’ in that they are connected to the matrix clause. Terminology within the literature can be confusing at times (cf. Loporcaro 2003:202ff.).

Sold.PTC.F.SG the house the family REFL=move.PRET.3SG to.the=abroad  
 'After selling the house, the family moved abroad.'

(It.)

As can be seen in (108), absolute past participial clauses can be formed with both unaccusative (108a) and transitive (108b) verbs. It is however generally impossible with unergative verbs (Perlmutter 1989; Belletti 2006), as exemplified here by Catalan (109). Similar results are reported for Brazilian Portuguese (Schmitt 1998:287), Italian and Romanian (Dobrovie-Sorin 1994:183 n. 60; Pană Dindelegan 2013b:228).

(109)a. *Un cop nascuda la criatura, triarem el nom.*

a time born.PTC the creature choose.FUT1.PL the name

'Once the child will be born, we will choose the name.'

b. *Hi aniran a viure un cop restaurada la casa per un bon arquitecte.*

LOC=go.FUT.3SG to live.INF a time renovated.PTC the house by a good architect

'They will go to have a look, once the house will have been renovated.ptc by a good architect.'

c. *\*Una volta saltats els atletes, vam tornar cap a casa.*

a time jumped.PTC the athletes go.1PL return.INF again at house

'Once the athletes jumped, we went back home.'

(Cat., Institut d'Estudis Catalans 2016:1208)

This has famously been captured by Perlmutter's (1989) generalisation, who argues that the possibility of occurring in absolute participial clauses is a piece of evidence for the division of intransitive verbs into unergatives and unaccusatives, as only the latter can form an absolute past participle clause.<sup>14</sup>

<sup>14</sup> However, whereas this generalisation seems to hold for most Romance languages, in Italian, past participle clauses are not excluded with all types of unergatives (cf. Dini 1994; Loporcaro 2003):

(i) *Vendemmiato, i contadini lasciarono il paese.*  
 harvested.PTC the farmers leave.PRET.3PL the town  
 'Having harvested, the farmers left the town.'

(It., Loporcaro 2003:214)

Both semantics and syntax determine the grammaticality of unergative verbs within past participle clauses. With regards to semantics, it is important the verb be non-additive/telic (Loporcaro 2003:220). In fact, this generalisation holds also for transitive verbs: some activity verbs become acceptable in a past participle clause when the direct object is definite, rather than indefinite, rendering thus the event telic.

At a syntactic level, it is important to distinguish between *absolute* past participial clauses and *dependent* past participial clauses (Loporcaro 2003). Even though they are commonly referred to as ‘absolute’ clauses, past participial clauses can be controlled by a matrix subject, by an argument of the matrix verb or by an adjunct. Absolute (in *stricto sensu*) or uncontrolled past participial clauses, on the other hand, are not controlled by an argument in the matrix clause. The two types are distinguished by syntactic properties. *Ne*-cliticisation of the argument has been claimed to be generally impossible in absolute clauses (Belletti 2008:78–79). However, Loporcaro (2003:237) shows that *ne*-pronominalisation is possible in controlled PPCs, but not in absolute/uncontrolled PPCs. Similarly, cliticisation of the direct object is grammatical in controlled past participial clauses, but not in uncontrolled ones.

### 3.6.1 Subject positions

In Catalan and Italian, the subject of an absolute past participle clause appears postverbally, as can be seen in the following examples:

- (110) *Un cop nascuda la criatura, triarem el nom.*  
 a time born.PTC the creature choose.FUT1.PL the name  
 ‘Once the child will be born, we will choose the name.’  
 (Cat., Institut d’Estudis Catalans 2016:1208)

- (111) *Arrivata Sandra (\*arrivata), Gianni andò a prenderla.*  
 arrived.PTC Sandra arrived.PTC Gianni go.PRET.3SG to pick.up.INF=het  
 ‘Once Sandra had arrived, Gianni went to pick her up.’  
 (It.)

In French, on the other hand, the subject appears preverbally:

- (112) *Le train à peine arrivé, Silvie est descendue.*  
 the train at sorrow arrived.PTC Silvie be.3SG gone.down  
 ‘As soon as the train arrived, Silvie got off.’  
 (Fr.)

Romanian past participial clauses distinguish themselves from their Romance counterparts in that they allow two subject positions, a preverbal and a postverbal one, where the postverbal is the most neutral. The preverbal position needs to be marked as a topic or a focus (Ștefania Costea, p.c.):

- (113) a. *(Făcute) temele (făcute), profesoara ne-a laudat.*  
 made.PTC homework.DET made.PTC, professor.DET us=have.3SG praised  
 'Having done the homework, the professor praised us.'
- b. *(Ajunsă) mama (ajunsă) acasă, a și început ploaia.*  
 arrived.PTC mum.DET arrived.PTC at.home have.3SG also started rain.DET  
 'After mum had arrived home, it started raining.'

(Ro.)

The postverbal subject position could be an indication of high verb movement, but could also be caused by the subject remaining *in situ*. This latter possibility can be excluded on the basis of the following examples, which show that the subject has moved, stranding a floating quantifier in a lower position:

- (114) *Arrivati finalmente i suoi figli tutti a casa, la mamma poteva stare*  
 arrived.PTC finally the her children all at house the mom can.IPFV.3SG stay.INF  
*tranquilla.*  
 calm  
 'After all her children finally arrived home, the mum could be calm.'

(It.)

- (115) *Copiii lui (ajunși) în sfârșit (ajunși) toți acasă, mama*  
 children=her.GEN arrived.PTC in end arrived.PTC all at.home mum.DET  
*era calmă.*  
 be.IPFV.3SG calm  
 '(All) her children having finally arrived at home, the mum was calm.'

(Ro.)

If the postverbal subject has moved out of the VP, this means that the past participle is also located within the I-domain (or higher).

### 3.6.2 Adverbs

As with the infinitives in the preceding sections, the location of the verb will be established with various diagnostics, the most important one being the relative position of the verb and adverbs. According to Cinque (1999: 149), Italian absolute past participles can be found to either precede

or follow habitual adverbs, negative adverbs, *già* 'already', *più* '(any)more', *sempre* 'always' and *completamente* 'completely', but they have to precede *bene* 'well'. My informants, however, seem to prefer to move the past participle across all LAS as shown in the following examples of dependent participial clauses:

- (116)a. *Fatti bene (\*fatti) i compiti, potevamo finire il corso.*  
 done.PTC well done.PTC the homework can.IPFV.1PL finish.INF the course  
 'After having done the homework well, we could finish the course.'
- b. *Finiti già (\*?finiti) i taralli, la signora va dal panettiere.*  
 finished.PTC already finished.PTC the taralli the woman go.3SG to.the baker  
 'Having already finished the taralli, the woman goes to the baker.'
- c. *Non vista più (\*vista) Maria, tutti iniziarono a preoccuparsi.*  
 NEG seen.PTC anymore seen.PTC Maria all start.PRET.3PL to worry.INF=REFL  
 'Not having seen Maria anymore, everyone started to worry.'
- (It.)

- (117)a. *Feta ja (\*feta) tota la feina, se'n va anar a dormir.*  
 done.PTC already done.PTC all the work REFL=of.it=go.3sg go.INF to sleep.INF  
 'Having already finished all the work, s/he went to sleep.'
- b. *Destrossada completament (\*destrossada) la casa, els lladres van marxar.*  
 destroyed.PTC completely destroyed.PTC the house the thieves go march.INF  
 'Having destroyed the house completely, the thieves left.'
- (Cat.)

- (118)a. *Făcute bine (\*făcute) temele, profesoara ne-a laudat.*  
 made.PTC well made.PTC homework.DET professor.DET us=have.3SG praised
- b. *Odată discutate des (\*discutate), subiectele nu mai reprezentau un punct de interes pentru noi.*  
 once discussed.PTC often discussed.PTC subjects.DET NEG anymore  
 represent.IPFV.3PL a point of interest for us  
 'Having discussed them often, subjects are not a point of interest anymore.'
- (Ro.)

Similarly, there is a tendency to place the HAS adverb after the past participle as well, at least in Italian. In Catalan, both positions are grammatical:

- (119)a. *Finita fortunamente (\*finita) la scuola, ci sentimmo liberi.*

finished.PTC finally finished.PTC the school us=feel.PRET.1PL free

'When school finally finished, we felt free.'

b. *Superato probabilmente/evidentemente (?superato) l'esame, Marco decide*

passed.PTC probably /evidently passed.PTC the exam Marco decide.PRET.3SG

*di prendersi una vacanza.*

of take.INF=REFL a holiday

'Having probably/evidently passed the exam, Marco decided to take a holiday.'

c. *Vinto fortunatamente (?vinto) il concorso, la ragazza poté realizzare*

won.PTC finally won.PTC the competition, the girl can.PRET.3SG realise.INF

*il suo sogno.*

the her dream

'Having finally won the competition, the girl could make her dream come true.'

(It.)

(120) *(Assassinada) malauradament (assassinada) tota la població,*

murdered.PTC unfortunately murdered.PTC all the population,

*la ciutat va quedar deserta.*

the city go.3SG remain.INF deserted

'After the whole population was unfortunately murdered, the city was deserted.'

(Cat.)

(121)a. *Găsită poate de un străin, scrisoarea nu ar mai fi*

found maybe by a stranger letter.DET not AUX.COND.3SG anymore be.INF

*ajuns la mine.*

arrived at mine

'Maybe if the letter had been found by a stranger, it would not have arrived at my place.'

b. *(terminate) din fericire (\*terminate) cursurile, am plecat în vacanță.*

finished.PTC of happiness finished.PTC courses.DET have.1SG left in holiday

'With the courses fortunately finished, I left on holiday.'

(Ro.)

The situation is not very different for absolute (in the narrow sense) past participial clauses in Italian. The participle precedes all adverbs, with the exception of the aspectual adverb *appena* 'as soon as':

- (122) a. (\*?uscita) appena uscita la nuova versione, compro il telefono.  
 come.out.PTC as.soon.as come.out.PTC the new version buy.1SG the phone  
 'As soon as the new version came out, I will buy the phone.'
- b. Lasciata evidentemente (\*lasciata) la casa, i ladri entrarono.  
 left.PTC evidently left.PTC the house the thieves enter.PRET.3PL  
 'As the house was evidently abandoned, the thieves entered.'
- c. Non arrivata ancora (\*arrivata) la festeggiata, la festa non poteva cominciare.  
 NEG arrived.PTC yet arrived.PTC the party.girl the party NEG can.IPFV.3SG start.INF  
 'As the guest of honour had not arrived yet, the party could not start.'

(It.)

From these data it can be concluded that the past participle of both unaccusative and transitive verbs can precede most HAS and LAS adverbs, with the exception of *appena* 'as soon as', which acts as a conjunction in these types of clauses (cf. also Cat. *un cop, una vegada* 'once'). This indicates a movement of the participle into a very high position in the IP or even into the CP (for both unaccusative and transitive verbs).

French past participle clauses show a very different pattern than the ones in Catalan, Italian and Romanian. The past participle stays in a low position, and cannot even raise over *bien* 'well':

- (123) a. Marie (\*partie) déjà (partie), Marc ne pouvait plus  
 Marie left.PTC already left.PTC Marc NEG can.IPFV.3SG anymore  
 lui déclarer son amour.  
 to.her=declare.INF his love  
 'Marie already having left, Marc could not declare his love to her anymore.'
- b. Les devoirs (\*faits) bien (faits), les copains pouvaient sortir.  
 the homework done.PTC well done.PTC the friends can.IPFV.3PL go.out.INF  
 'Having done their homework well, the friends could go out.'
- c. L'examen (?réussi) probablement (réussi), Marc a décidé d'aller  
 the exam passed.PTC probably passed.PTC Marc have.3SG decided of=go.INF  
 en vacances.  
 holiday  
 'Having probably passed the exam, Marc has decided to go on holiday.'
- d. Le livre (?lu) complètement (lu), j'étais devenue une experte  
 the book read.PTC completely read.PTC I=be.IPFV.1SG become an expert  
 de la matière.  
 of the subject  
 'Having read the book completely, I had become an expert on the subject.'

(Fr.)

The contrast is less strong with *complètement* ‘completely’, indicating maybe optional movement into a LAS position. The optional movement with the high adverb *probablement* ‘probably’ is probably due to its use as a parenthetical.

### 3.6.3 Left-peripheral elements

The absolute past participle clause seems to lack a left periphery, as foci necessarily need to follow both the past particle and a low adverb such as *bene* ‘well’:

- (124) (\**Il libro*)    *studiato*    *bene il libro,*    *non l'articolo,*    *ho*    *capito*  
          the book    studied.PTC well the book    NEG    the article    have.1SG understood  
          *il fenomeno.*  
          the    phenomenon  
          ‘Having studied the book well, not the article, I understood the phenomenon.’

(It.)

Topics seem to be generally ungrammatical:

- (125) \**Il libro,*    *lettolo*    *completamente,*    *ho*    *capito*    *il fenomeno.*  
          the book    read.PTC=it completely    have.1SG understood the phenomenon  
          ‘The book, having read it completely, I understood the phenomenon.’

(It.)

It can be concluded that the left periphery in these clauses is reduced in participial clauses.

### 3.6.4 Clitic placement

In Italian, clitics can appear in enclisis on absolute past participles:

- (126) *Arrestatine*    *molti,*    *la polizia poté*    *sedare*    *il tumulto.*  
          arrested.PTC=PART many,    the police    can.PRET.3SG    soothe.INF    the commotion  
          ‘Having arrested many of them, the police could soothe the commotion.’

(It., Loporcaro 2003:237)

This enclitic position confirms the high movement of the verb. None of the other Romance languages allows cliticisation on the past participle in this particular construction (Loporcaro 2003:243; Roberts 2016:794).

### 3.6.5 Conclusion

The results of this section are summarised in the following table:

Table 4.8 Movement of absolute participles in Romance

Language	PTC movement in PPCs
Italian	C/HAS across ‘fortunately’ Mood <sub>eval</sub>
Catalan	C/HAS optionally across ‘fortunately’ Mood <sub>eval</sub>
French	None (not across <i>bien</i> ‘well’)
Romanian	Across ‘apparently’ Mood <sub>evidential</sub>

It has been shown that there is no substantial difference in placement in the infinitive between absolute and controlled past participles. However, there is much variation between the languages. Whereas in Catalan, Romanian, and Italian, both adverbs and subject position indicate a high verb movement, the opposite is found in French.

### 3.7 Romanian supine

The presence of the supine is a feature unique to Romanian among the Romance languages. Morphologically identical to the masculine singular of the past participle, it is a non-finite form of the verb which bears no agreement and no tense or mood marking (Pană Dindelegan 2013c; Maiden 2016:113; Dragomirescu & Nicolae 2016). Usually, its subject is controlled or PRO<sub>arb</sub>. Its verbal distribution is quite limited, appearing in tough-constructions (127a), as a modifier of a DP (127b) and as complement to aspectual verbs (128):

- (127)a. *Este greu de vorbit româna.*  
 be.3SG hard to speak.SUP Romanian.DET  
 ‘It is hard to speak Romanian.’  
 b. *mașină de spălat vase*  
 machine of wash.SUP cups  
 ‘dishwasher’

(Ro.)

The supine cannot host pronominal clitics, negation or adverbials, which all have to occur on the matrix verb:

- (128) a. *Termină de scris articolul.*  
 finish.3SG of write.SUP article.DET  
 b. \**Termină de îl/mai/ne-/nu scris.*  
 finish.3SG of it/yet/NEG=write.SUP  
 c. *Nu îl mai termină de scris.*  
 NEG=it=yet= finish.3SG of write.SUP  
 'S/he hasn't yet finished writing it.'

(Ro., Dragomirescu & Nicolae 2016:13)

Based on these facts, Dragomirescu & Nicolae (2016:13) conclude that the Romanian supine has reduced functional structure, consisting of a mere IP. This makes predictions for adverbs that can appear and suggests that a left periphery is impossible.

- (129) a. *E greu de scris bine (\*scris) articolul.*  
 be.3SG hard of write.SUP well write.SUP article.DET  
 'It is hard to write the article well.'  
 b. *E greu de scris rapid (\*scris) un articol bun (rapid).*  
 be.3SG hard of write.SUP quickly write.SUP an article good quickly  
 'It is hard to write a good article quickly.'  
 c. *E greu de citit complet (\*citit) cartea.*  
 be.3SG hard of read.SUP completely (write.sup) book.DET  
 'It is hard to read the book completely.'  
 d. *E simplu de inventat mereu (\*inventat) scuze.*  
 be.3SG easy of invent.SUP always (invent.SUP) excuses  
 'It is easy to always come up with excuses.'

(Ro.)

- (130) a. ?*Termină de scris bine articolul.*  
 finish.3SG of write.SUP well article.DET  
 'S/he finishes writing well the article.'  
 b. *Termină de scris rapid (\*scris) un articol bun.*  
 finish.3SG of write.SUP quickly write.SUP a article good  
 'S/he finishes writing quickly a good article.'

(Ro.)

The supine raises over adverbs from the LAS.

A focus phrase occurs before *de* or clause-finally:

- (131) a. *Termină articolul de scris, nu cartea.*  
 finish.3SG article.DET of write.SUP NEG book.DET  
 b. *Termină de scris articolul, nu cartea.*  
 finish.3SG of article.DET write.SUP NEG book.DET  
 ‘S/he finishes writing the article, not the book.’

(Ro.)

This seems to indicate that the supine clause includes a focus position in the lower left periphery.

The supine can have a lexically specified nominative subject in certain cases: when the supine occurs in a relative clause (132), when the head is an externalised locative adjunct; or when the supine represents a passive structure in the presence of a by-phrase (133):

- (132) a. *masă de stat patru persoane.*  
 table of stay.SUP four people  
 ‘a table for four people’  
 b. *corturi de jucat copiii.*  
 tents of play.SUP children.DET  
 ‘tents for children to play in’
- (133) *E greu de rezolvat problema de către toți copiii.*  
 be.3SG difficult of work-out.SUP problem by all children  
 ‘It is hard for all the children to work out the problem.’

(Ro., Dragomirescu 2011:8)

A lexical subject is very rare with the supine and there are no examples attested with adverbs. They are acceptable for some speakers (Adina Dragomirescu, p.c.):

- (134) a. *%Masă de stat (ușor/confortabil) patru persoane (ușor/confortabil).*  
 table of stay.SUP (easily/comfortably) four people (easily/comfortably)  
 ‘A table at which four people can easily/comfortably sit.’  
 b. *%Masa de stat probabil patru persoane (probabil).*  
 table of stay.SUP probably four people probably

‘A table at which probably four people can sit.’

Floating quantifiers are marginal when left stranded. Their possibility, however marginal, potentially indicates that the subject has moved out of the VP, as the floating quantifier can be stranded.

- (135) *Masă de stat (toți) copiii (?toți).*  
 table of stay.SUP all.PL children all  
 ‘A table at which all the children can sit.’

(Ro.)

LAS adverbs always follow the supine:

- (136) a. *E greu de scris bine (\*scris) articolul de către studentul tânăr.*  
 be.3SG hard of write.SUP well (write.sup) article.DET by student.DET young  
 ‘It is hard for the young student to write an article well.’  
 b. *E greu de scris rapid (\*scris) un articol bun de către student.*  
 be.3SG hard of write.SUP quickly write.SUP an article good by student  
 ‘It is hard for a student to write a good article quickly.’  
 c. *E greu de citit complet (\*citit) cartea de către studentul tânăr.*  
 be.3SG hard of read.SUP completely read.SUP book.DET by student.DET young  
 ‘It is hard for the young student to read the book completely.’

(Ro.)

This shows that the supine undergoes a certain degree of movement into the I-domain, at least across aspect-related heads. In the case of the supine with a lexical subject, the supine moves higher, across *probabil* ‘probably’ in the specifier of Mod<sub>epistemic</sub>.

### 3.8 Summary results

The results of the preceding sections are schematised in the following table:

*Table 4.9 Movement of non-finite verbs in Romance*

<b>Language</b>	<b>Infl./personal inf.</b>	<b>Bare infinitives</b>	<b>Aux-to-Comp</b>	<b>Gerund</b>	<b>PPC</b>	<b>Supine</b>
<b>EP</b>	HAS	HAS	HAS/Fin	HAS	X	X
<b>Sp.</b>	HAS	HAS	HAS	HAS	X	X
<b>Cat.</b>	HAS	Fin/HAS	X	C/HAS	C/HAS	X
<b>Fr.</b>	X	LAS/HAS	X	HAS	none	X
<b>It.</b>	X	Fin/HAS	HAS	C	C/HAS	X
<b>NIDs</b>	X	C	X	C/HAS	X	X
<b>SIDs</b>	HAS	C	X	X	X	X
<b>Srd.</b>	HAS	HAS	X	C/HAS	X	X
<b>Ro.</b>	HAS	HAS	X	HAS	HAS	HAS

It can be immediately noted that there is a general tendency for non-finite and semi-finite forms to raise to a high position within IP or to a low position within the C-domain. The rest of this chapter will be dedicated to accounting for the movement patterns attested, but the results will be briefly summarised here.

The various Romance languages with a personal infinitive pattern remarkably similarly in that the personal infinitive occupies a high position within the inflectional domain, as it precedes all the LAS adverbs and can precede most HAS adverbs. The infinitive follows constituents located in the C-domain, such as foci and topics. Inflected infinitives also move in most cases to the HAS. In Portuguese, the context determines its position, in that in non-selected contexts the inflected infinitive always raises to the HAS, but even higher in selected contexts (after epistemic and declarative verbs, i.e. Aux-to-Comp). Finally, the Romanian supine is another non-finite form which moves into the HAS.

The Aux-to-Comp construction seems to confirm its name: the verb necessarily precedes all adverbs and cannot co-occur with a complementiser. Given the fact that foci and topics precede it, the landing site of the infinitive is arguably Fin. Other verb forms that seem to exhibit V-to-C movement are the gerund and the past participle when used in a PPC.

In many respects, French behaves differently to the other Romance languages. It always features proclisis, whereas the general tendency for Romance is to have enclisis with non-finite forms (but, cf. Romanian and EP for different patterns). Furthermore, with both infinitives and past participle constructions, the lower adverbs can also precede the verb, indicating very low verb movement.

#### 4. Analysis of verb movement in non-finite and less-finite clauses

From the preceding section, a general picture has emerged. In non-finite clauses across most Romance varieties, with the exception of French infinitives and PPCs, the non-finite verb moves into a high position within the HAS or the lowest position of the CP, *Fin*. This section will be dedicated to the analysis of these movement patterns, starting with a discussion of possible triggers for verb movement.

##### 4.1 Possible triggers for movement: finite vs non-finite clauses

The first main question is whether the verb movement of finite forms and non-finite verbs are the same processes, triggered by the same formal features. There are reasons to assume that this is not the case. If it were, we would expect differences between Romance languages, in a pattern similar to what we find for finite verb movement. Recall the three types of verb movement displayed by Romance finite verbs (Schifano 2018:166):

Table 4.10 PI of TAM and movement typology (Schifano 2018:166)

Movement typology	PI of TAM
high (French)	Mood [-PI]
medial (N.Reg. Italian)	Mood [+PI], Tense [-PI]
low (E. Portuguese)	Mood [+PI], Tense [+PI], Aspect [-PI]
very low (Spanish)	Mood [+PI], Tense [+PI], Aspect [+PI]

The difference between Romance languages that we find for non-finite verb forms sets French apart from the other Romance languages. Generally, non-finite verb forms move high into the inflectional domain, but French infinitives and past participles do not. This language normally displays very high verb movement in finite clauses.

The property responsible for causing verb movement in finite indicative clauses has to be in some way different in non-finite clauses, resulting in different patterns of movement. In fact, the movement of the non-finite forms is more similar to that of subjunctives (Schifano 2018:228), which targets a higher position than the indicative. In the following sections, several proposals for triggers of verb movement will be discussed in order to see whether they can account for the patterns found in non-finite verb movement.

## 4.1.1 (φ-)agreement with subject

One particular idea which has been around from very early on is that verbs move to the I-domain to ‘pick up’ their inflection. Inflectionally richer languages have higher verb movement than languages with poor agreement paradigms (Roberts 1985; 1993; 1999; Koenenman 2001). This generalisation has however many well-known exceptions (Rohrbacher 1999; Wiklund et al. 2007) and has been rejected by various scholars (cf. e.g. Schifano 2015, 2018). The hypothesis would predict that non-finite forms do not move high, with the exception of *inflected* non-finite forms.

On the basis of the data presented in this chapter, we can conclude that verb movement does not seem to be triggered by inflection, or at least not exclusively. Non-finite/non-inflected forms move high anyway, arguably higher than inflected counterparts (cf. data Schifano 2018). Particularly revealing in this respect is the opposition between inflected and non-inflected infinitives in Sardinian:

- (137) a. *Maria cheriat a mandigare(n) sempre (\*mandigare(n)) bene*  
 Maria want.PST.3SG to eat.INF(.3PL) always eat.INF(.3PL) well  
*(\*mandigare(n)) sos pizzinnos.*  
 eat.INF(.3PL) the boys  
 ‘Maria wanted the boys to always eat well.’
- b. *Mannedda cheriat a mandigare(mus) como (\*mandigaremus).*  
 grandmother want.PST.3SG to eat.INF(.1.PL) now eat.INF(.1.PL)  
 ‘Grandmother would like us to eat now.’

(Srd.)

The absence or presence of overt agreement between the infinitival form and its subject does not seem to influence the position of the verb:<sup>15</sup> speakers prefer the adverbs to follow it either way. Furthermore, non-finite forms seem to raise consistently high into the HAS, apart from the exceptions of French and Romanian. It thus seems very unlikely that a verb moves only to pick up its inflection in Romance or to license its subject.

<sup>15</sup> The same conclusion is reached by Jones (1993:281), who argues that the realisation of the agreement is a purely PF phenomenon.

#### 4.1.2 Tense

If richness or the presence of personal agreement endings is not responsible for the movement of non-finite verb forms, richness of Tense could maybe explain the cases, as has been proposed for finite forms (Biberauer & Roberts 2010).

The question arises whether a non-finite verb has a T-feature as well. The answer seems negative if we look at this from a purely morphological point of view. Syntactically, things might be different. It is generally assumed that some control infinitives do have independent tense, as they refer to an ‘unrealised future’ which can be demonstrated with future adverbs (Stowell 1982; Bošković 1997). Consider the following examples from Stowell (1982:563):

(138) a. Jenny remembered [PRO to bring the wine].

b. Jenny remembered [PRO bringing the wine].

(139) a. Jim tried [PRO to lock the door].

b. Jim tried [PRO locking the door].

The infinitival complements are interpreted as *unrealised* with respect to the tense of the matrix. In contrast, the understood tense of the gerund depends on the governing verb. This leads Stowell (1982: 563) to postulate a tense operator in the complementiser position, similar to finite tensed clauses. When the complementiser layer is absent, as is the case in ECM constructions, there is no such tense operator and the unrealised future reading does not result. The tense is determined by the meaning of the matrix verb.

Similarly, Wurmbrand (2007; 2014) argues that infinitives do not have absolute tense, only relative tense. The unrealised, future-interpretation is caused by the presence of a *wol/P* for future infinitives (instead of in the C-domain, as argued by Stowell 1982). Infinitives are always realised in a future with respect to the matrix verb, not with respect to the time of the utterance. Tense is therefore not as strong as in finite tenses. However, there is no *wol/P* present in the case of other controlled infinitives, such as complements to modals or ‘claim’, yielding a simultaneous interpretation (Wurmbrand 2014). If tense were the trigger for movement, we would expect this to be reflected in different movement patterns, contrary to fact. Instead, we find a general high movement pattern in Romance non-finite and less-finite forms.

Ambar (1994; 1999) and Ambar & Jiménez-Fernández (2017) have argued that Portuguese inflected infinitives (and Romance infinitives with specified subjects in general) have tense. Inflected infinitives in epistemic and declarative complements only allow for an iterative reading of the combination of *haver* ‘have’ and the past participle, which is impossible with finite clauses; they have to be generic in case of eventive predicates, otherwise only stative predicates can be

used. Similar lexical restrictions are found with Italian Aux-to-Comp complements (see discussion in §4.4 above). Rather than pure tense, this seems to relate to (lexical) aspect. Furthermore, although inflected infinitives allow quite free tense interpretations (cf. chapter 5§7.2), nevertheless it cannot explain the verb movement, as the movement to the C-domain is also found with other non-finite forms such as the gerund, which do not have the same temporal properties.

Often, the presence of a T-feature on C has been proposed as reason for movement to a high position in the Aux-to-Comp construction (Rizzi 1982, Raposo 1989). Tense in this case is not located on T but on C (cf. Ouali's (2008) SHARE, DONATE and KEEP options), due to defectiveness of non-finite forms. It is however not clear why this tense feature is only present on C in the case of complements to epistemic and declarative verbs. It also cannot explain the high movement in other non-finite contexts.

In any case, if this relative tense were the trigger of movement, we would expect differences between the Romance non-finite verb forms, as not all of them have an irrealis/future interpretation. Tense or tense oppositions are therefore to be discarded as the (sole) trigger of verb movement.

#### 4.1.3 Mood

It has been argued that infinitives move to the highest relevant position in the I-domain, to license a [-realis] feature, just like subjunctives (Ledgeway & Lombardi 2005; 2014; Schifano 2018:230–239). Evidence for this claim comes from the fact that subjunctives in all Romance languages move high (Ledgeway & Lombardi 2014:37; Schifano 2015:202–13; 2018). Unlike indicatives, subjunctives consistently target a high position across Romance:

- (140) *Eu quero que a Maria leia já (\*leia) este livro.*  
 I want.1SG that the Mary reads.SBJV.3SG already reads.SBJV.3SG this book  
 'I want Maria to read this book now.'

(EuPt, Schifano 2018:98)

- (141) *Joan vol que la seva dona prepare sempre (\*prepare) les postres.*  
 Joan want.3SG that the his wife prepare.SBJV.3SG always prepare.SBJV.3SG the  
 desserts  
 'Joan wants his wife to always prepare the desserts.'

(VCat, Schifano 2018:100)

- (142) *Je veux que le jardinier coupe généralement (\*coupe) les arbustes.*

I want.1SG that the gardener cuts.SBJV.3SG generally cuts.SBJV.3SG the bushes  
'I want the gardener to usually cut the bushes.'

(Fr., Schifano 2018:96)

(143) *Ion vrea ca soția sa să pregătească întotdeauna (\*#să pregătească)*  
Ion want.3SG that wife his SA prepare.SBJV.3SG always SA prepare.SBJV.3SG  
*desertul.*  
dessert.DET  
'Ion wants his wife to always prepare the dessert.'

(Ro., Schifano 2018:273–4)

The high movement described in this chapter thus mimics the movement of the subjunctive, and not that of indicative finite forms. The licensing of a [-realis] feature might therefore seem a logical trigger for movement of these cases.

However, not all non-finite forms have a [-realis] interpretation. As discussed above, we also find high verb movement of non-finite forms in other types of complements, such as complements to factive verbs and in realis complements selected by epistemic and declarative verbs, as well as gerunds and past participle clauses. If [-realis] were the trigger for high verb movement (in opposition with [+realis]), we would expect that the [realis] clauses, finite or non-finite, pattern similarly. This is not the case because gerunds, past participles and factive infinitival complements do not replicate Schifano (2018)'s findings for finite verb movement. Furthermore, factive verbs often license the subjunctive in many Romance varieties:

(144) a. *Mi dispiace che si sia ammalato.*  
to.me=displease.3SG that REFL=be.SBJV.3SG gotten.ill  
'I regret that he got ill.'

(It.)

b. *Je regrette qu'elle ne veuille pas en parler avec moi.*  
I regret.1SG that=she NEG wants.SBJV.3SG NEG of.it=talk.INF with me  
'I regret that she does not want to talk about it with me.'

(Fr.)

These complements are not [-realis], but nevertheless show high verb movement. The feature [-realis] thus cannot be the determining factor for high verb movement.

Instead, the similarities in verb movement between subjunctives and infinitives can be explained by the fact that both are indirectly anchored forms (see chapter 5§6 for discussion);

mood alone is not enough to explain the movement. Forms that are indirectly anchored but not [-realis], also move high. This shows that the relevant feature here is not [-realis], but rather [+indirect anchoring].

#### 4.1.4 Anchoring

There must thus be a trigger for the high movement of less-finite and non-finite forms, which also applies to subjunctives. As will be extensively argued in chapter 5, both subjunctives and non-finite forms have in common that their anchoring for Tense and Person occurs indirectly (indeed, both can be considered 'less-finite' compared to indicative (main) clauses). I propose that this is the trigger for movement and that the locus of this anchoring is Fin (see chapter 5 for discussion). Non-finite verbs need to move to or very close to this position to receive the appropriate temporal and subject interpretation. Unlike direct anchoring, I assume that for indirect anchoring, the verb must move into a local checking domain with Fin. The idea will be further elaborated in the following chapter. Here it is crucial to establish that both subjunctives and non-finite forms move to a high position within the HAS or even to a lower CP position (viz. Fin), whereas finite (indicative) forms do not.

Given that this process of anchoring establishes a relation with the moment of speech and hence with the speaker, the oddness of the high adverbs, which are speaker-oriented, falls out automatically. The fact that these are odd in both subjunctives and non-finite clauses is because they are related to the speaker, which is only indirectly present in these clauses (cf. Giorgi 2010:72ff.).

#### 4.2 Consequences for available subject positions

As argued above, the trigger for movement is the need for a non-finite or less-finite verb to enter into a local relation with Fin, where the indirect anchoring takes place. The verb needs to be 'visible'. This movement seems to make [spec,TP] unavailable in some cases, such as the personal infinitive, the Sardinian inflected infinitive, the Italian absolute participle and gerunds, where subjects occur preferably postverbally. As discussed in chapter 2, with the Balkan-style subjunctive the canonical subject position is also unavailable. A subject in this position would interfere in the anchoring process.

Considering the idea that subjunctive forms also feature indirect anchoring, we would predict that preverbal subjects are also excluded with subjunctives. This prediction is not borne out. It is only when the complementiser is dropped that the preverbal position is not allowed, and even in this case it is only for some speakers (for 50% more or less, Giorgi 2010: 67). In fact, examples (142-5) contain a preverbal subject preceding the high adverbs (presumably in SubjP).

In this case, the preverbal subject does not block the anchoring mechanism. I hypothesise here that the anchoring can be mediated by the complementiser *che*, which allows for the activation of the preverbal subject in [spec,TP] (or Spec,AgroP in Cardinaletti's terms).

### 4.3 French infinitives

As seen in §3.3.1, movement of French infinitives is optional. The infinitive does not have to raise over any of the LAS adverbs, but can do so (although this is the marked order). However, in the case of high adverbs, the infinitive preferably precedes the adverbs. These are two conflicting results: LAS adverbs indicate low and optional movement; the HAS adverbs seem to show that French infinitives pattern like the Romance ones.

The split in position between HAS and LAS adverbs is confirmed by the study of a corpus of French prose. Engver (1972:chap. 3) finds 612 out of 6740 adverbs preceding the infinitive. Almost all these adverbs are located within the LAS. High adverbs such as *maintenant* 'now', *évidemment* 'evidently', *(mal)heureusement* '(un)fortunately', and *nécessairement* 'necessarily' never precede the infinitive in the corpus. For certain of these LAS adverbs, the preverbal position is much more frequent than the postverbal one, as can be seen in the following table (1972:chap. 3):

Table 4.11 Percentages of preverbal and postverbal adverbs in French (Engver 1972: 113)

Adverbs	Preverbal positions	Postverbal positions
<b>Même</b>	81 (95.3%)	4 (4.7%)
<b>Trop</b>	47 (85.5%)	8 (14.5%)
<b>Toutefois</b>	17 (85%)	3 (15%)
<b>Mieux</b>	99 (91.8%)	22 (18.2%)
<b>Bien<sup>16</sup></b>	158 (80.6%)	38 (19.4%)

<sup>16</sup> There is a difference in meaning between preverbal *bien* and postverbal *bien*:

- (i) a. *J'ai fait bien mes devoirs.*  
I=have.1SG done well my homework  
'I have done my homework well.'  
b. *J'ai bien fait mes devoirs.*  
I=have.1SG indeed done my homework  
'I have indeed done my homework.'

(Fr., Rowlett 2007:109)

- (ii) a. *Il a décidé de chanter bien.*  
he have.3SG decided of sing.INF well  
'He has decided to sing well.'  
b. *Il a décidé de bien chanter.*

<b><i>Jamais</i></b>	45 (77.6%)	13 (22.4%)
<b><i>Proprement</i></b>	14 (70%)	6 (30%)
<b><i>Autant</i></b>	10 (62.5%)	6 (37.5%)
<b><i>Plus</i></b>	32 (61.5%)	19 (38.5%)
<b><i>Toujours</i></b>	20 (28.8%)	74 (71.2%)

Some of these cases can be explained. The first adverb is a focalising adverb, which is placed in front of the verb so that it takes scope of the verb phrase. It is surprising to see that the other adverbs that are very frequently placed postverbally are the lowest adverbs within the LAS, such as *mieux* ‘better’, *bien* ‘well’ and *trop* ‘too much’. An adverb such as *toujours* ‘always’, which can also appear higher in the LAS, is much less frequently placed preverbally. The lower the adverb is located within Cinque’s hierarchy, the more frequently it will appear preverbally.

If we combine more adverbs, the results are the following:

- (145) a. *Il faut mettre le réveil pour (?se réveiller) toujours*  
 it be.necessary.3SG put.INF the alarm for REFL=wake.up.INF always  
*(se réveiller) tôt (\*se réveiller).*  
 REFL=wake.up.INF early REFL=wake.up.INF  
 ‘It is necessary to set an alarm in order to always wake up early.’
- b. *(?Parler) toujours (?parler) bien parler de ses amis, c’est important.*  
 speak.INF always speak.INF well speak.INF of his friends it be.3SG important  
 ‘It is important to always speak nicely about your friends.’
- c. *(?Cuisiner) peut-être (\*cuisiner) bien (\*cuisiner), ça n’est pas assez pour devenir un chef.*  
 cook.INF maybe cook.INF well cook.INF that NEG= be.3SG NEG enough for  
 become.INF a chef  
 ‘To maybe cook well is not enough in order to become a chef.’

(Fr.)

With two low adverbs, as in (145a,b), one or both adverbs can follow the infinitive, which displays very low movement. Whenever we combine a low and a high adverb, such as *bien* ‘well’ and *peut-*

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he have.3SG decided of well sing.INF  
 He has decided he would indeed sing.’

(Fr., Rowlett 2007:109)

Affirmative *bien* is located in the same position as negative adverbs (Belletti 1990, 39ff. 1994b cited in Cinque 1999: 171 n.20).

*être* ‘maybe’ in (145c), the infinitive cannot follow both adverbs; the preferred order is the infinitive preceding both adverbs. This means that despite appearances, French has a high infinitive placement just like the other Romance languages. The low position of the infinitive in combination with LAS adverbs is thus only apparent, and the problem of how these LAS adverbs end up appearing preverbally will be left aside.

However, in the case of a high adverb such as *maintenant* ‘now’ combined with negation, which should occupy a lower position, we find the opposite order the negation seems to be located higher than *maintenant* ‘now’:

(146) ?*Il faudrait*                      *ne* (\**parler*)    *pas parler*        *maintenant*.  
          it be.necessary.COND.3SG    NEG speak.INF    NEG speak.INF    now  
          ‘It would be necessary that we do not speak now.’

(Fr.)

If we assume, following Cinque (1999:121), that negation can be projected anywhere along the clausal spine, *ne pas* could be located within the CP or very high in the IP. Under this view, both the infinitive and the adverb could be in their canonical positions within the IP; it is only the negation that differs from other Romance languages (and its finite counterparts).

In conclusion, the French infinitive is thus not substantially different from other Romance languages; the only difference concerns the different placement of negation, and lower adverbs. What causes this different placement is a problem that will be left aside for further research due to space constraints.

## 5. Conclusions: verb movement and finiteness

In this chapter, the movement of verb forms that are traditionally considered non-finite has been studied. The forms include the personal and inflected infinitive, bare infinitives in subject clauses, Aux-to-Comp infinitives, gerunds, past participles and the Romanian supine. The most important finding, which has not been noted explicitly before, is that the movement of non-finite verbs is thoroughly different from that which has been argued for finite verbs.

Secondly, the overall finding is that there is a commonality to the syntax of non-finite verbs despite a morphological difference: all target a high clausal position at the edge of IP close to CP. We thus find different movement patterns than with finite indicative forms; the pattern resembles more the high placement of the subjunctive. There is thus no difference in verb movement

between finite and non-finite forms in the traditional definition; subjunctives instead pattern with the infinitives, gerunds etc. in their high verb movement.

These conclusions have been reached by combining a series of diagnostics, focusing mostly on adverb placement as these gave the most consistent results. Foci, topics, and subjects generally confirmed the results. The position of clitics is a bit more problematic, which might indicate that the assumptions about their placement made in the beginning of this chapter need to be reviewed, an issue which will be left aside for future research.

French seems to pattern differently from the other Romance languages. With French, movement of the infinitive is apparently very low, as most LAS adverbs can precede the infinitive. With HAS adverbs, however, the only possible order is V+Adv, which shows us that French is not essentially different from other Romance languages and also shows V-movement with infinitives.

Finally, it has been argued that the movement to the highest positions within the HAS has consequences for the subject position in some Romance languages. [spec,TP] is not available: this is the case for the personal infinitive, the Sardinian inflected infinitive, the Balkan-style subjunctive, and the gerund. For anchoring to take place, the verb needs to move to Fin (as in Aux-to-Comp), or, whenever a complementiser is located in Fin, the verb needs to be its direct complement so that the verb and the anchoring head Fin can be in a local relationship. The movement to satisfy this requirement in case of indirect anchoring makes the canonical preverbal subject position unavailable.

## 5. Defining finiteness: the view from Romance

### 1. Introduction

As discussed extensively, there are several clause types in Romance which are not readily classifiable as either finite or non-finite. These include the personal and inflected infinitives, Balkan-style subjunctives and narrative infinitives. Although traditionally considered non-finite, the personal (1) and inflected infinitive (2) license a referential nominative subject, a syntactic hallmark of finiteness, and inflected infinitives even agree with their subject in person and number. Conversely, the Balkan-style subjunctive is a morphologically finite form which behaves as a non-finite form in that it occurs in contexts where complete coreference and simultaneity are required (3):

- (1) *Menjar ara nosaltres no seria mala idea.*  
eat.INF now we.NOM NEG be.COND.3SG bad idea  
'It would not be a bad idea for us to eat now.'

(Cat., Wheeler, Yates & Dols 1999:399)

- (2) *Será difícil eles aprovarem a proposta.*  
be.FUT.3SG difficult they.NOM approve.INF.3.PL the proposal  
'It will be difficult for them to accept the proposal'

(EuPt, Raposo 1987:86)

- (3) *Ana<sub>i</sub> a început să (e<sub>i/j</sub>) lucreze (\*mâine).*  
Ana have.3SG started SA work.SBJV.3SG (tomorrow)  
'Ana has started to work.'

(Ro.)

These are just some examples of how Romance clauses can show properties of both finite and non-finite clauses, and therefore occupy an intermediate position between the two as 'semi-finite' forms.

In this chapter, I will review previous approaches to the notion of finiteness, including typological, functional, and generative approaches. I will argue that finiteness is not a linguistic primitive, despite the proposal of functional projections like Rizzi's (1997) FinP, but instead should be related to the anchoring of the event to the utterance through both tense and person. The chapter is structured as follows: §2 will argue that finiteness has different meanings for the different levels of grammar. In §3, the view of finiteness as an opposition between N and V features will be rejected for Romance; §4 will critically review previous approaches to finiteness; finally,

§5 will set out the approach that will be followed here. §6 will discuss the relation between finiteness and mood; §7 applies the new analysis to the forms that have been called semi-finite in the previous chapters of this thesis. §8 discusses the relation between finiteness and clause size, and §9 concludes the chapter.

## **2. Reflexes of finiteness at different levels of grammar**

A possible solution to the problems raised above, where finite forms appear in non-finite contexts and vice versa, could be to separate the notion of finiteness into different levels, namely morphological, syntactic and semantic finiteness (Ledgeway 2007; Sells 2007). This section will review the properties typically associated with (non-)finiteness for different levels of grammar.

### **2.1 Morphological finiteness**

As already discussed in chapter 1, a purely morphological definition of finiteness is untenable. Morphological finiteness is a relative notion. Comparing forms occurring in main clauses with those typically appearing in embedded contexts, it can be noted that they vary with respect to certain morphological parameters, such as the absence or presence of person agreement and the absence or presence of TAM marking. Indeed, in Romance, mood and tense marking are absent from non-finite forms but present on finite or ‘inflected’ forms. This is however not necessarily the case cross-linguistically. For instance, Dravidian non-finite forms are marked for tense (Amritavalli 2014), as are many Japanese infinitives, apart from those in restructuring configurations (Wurmbrand 2001:85–91). Moreover, Latin infinitives are marked for imperfective vs perfective aspect (e.g. *cantare* ‘to sing’ vs *cantauisse* ‘to have sung’). Thus, as Joseph (1983:6) also concludes in his discussion of the Balkan infinitive, there seems to be no single universally valid set of morphological parameters for defining finiteness for all natural languages. A morphological definition of finiteness will therefore only have descriptive, relative value within a language. Cross-linguistically, the parameters used to compare finite and non-finite forms are different, and some languages make no morphological distinction at all, as described in chapter 1.

Another indication that morphological cues are not a reliable indicator of finiteness is that morphological marking is readily susceptible to change or can be optional. The inflected infinitive in old Neapolitan and Sardinian illustrates this point very well. As shown by Ledgeway (2007:337–43; 2009a), the inflected infinitive (4a) is lost in the history of Neapolitan and replaced by the so-called personal infinitive (4b), which has the same syntactic properties (such as the

licensing of a nominative subject) but differs from the inflected infinitive in the lack of agreement endings on the infinitive.

- (4) a. *Presto speramo a Dio essereno rutte.*  
soon hope.1PL to God be.INF.3PL routed  
‘We hope to God that they will soon be routed.’  
(ONap., Ferraiolo 138v. 8–9 *apud* Ledgeway 2007:339)
- b. *Meh, Carmè, serve pe ce vedé n’ata vota.*  
come.on Carmela serve.3SG for us=see.INF an=other time  
‘Come on, Carmela, it’ll allow us to see one another again.’  
(Nap., Ledgeway 2007:341)

The change in morphological finiteness is thus not reflected in other levels of the grammar; there seem to be no syntactic consequences of the loss of morphological inflection on the infinitive. Similarly, the morphological marking on the Sardinian inflected infinitive is entirely optional (Jones 1993:281), with no changes occurring in the syntactic or semantic finiteness of these forms when the inflection is omitted. The personal infinitive in Sardinian can also license nominative subjects and appears in exactly the same contexts:

- (5) *Mannedda cheriat a mandigare(mus) como.*  
grandmother want.IPFV.3SG to eat.INF.1.PL now  
‘Grandmother would like us to eat now.’  
(Nuorese Srd.)

Realisation of morphological agreement might thus be a purely phonological ‘surface’ phenomenon, as Jones (1993:281) proposes. Therefore, at least within Romance, morphological finiteness is not in any way indicative of syntactic or semantic finiteness.

Comparing finiteness between languages and within the history of a single language on purely morphological grounds is therefore of little use. In fact, in other areas of syntax too, morphological richness has proven an unreliable diagnostic for grammatical distinctions. For instance, it has traditionally been assumed that a rich verbal agreement paradigm correlates with verb movement (Roberts 1985; 1993; 1999; Vikner 1995; Koenenman 2001; Bobaljik 2002; Koenenman & Zeijlstra 2014), as well as with the availability of null subjects (Taraldsen 1980; Rizzi 1982:chap. IV). For both correlations exceptions are attested, such as Icelandic and Russian, which present rich agreement but no obligatory V-to-I verb movement (Bailyn 1995; Wiklund et al. 2007; Koenenman & Zeijlstra 2014:571); or, conversely, Brazilian Portuguese and French, which

have strongly reduced verbal paradigms but still present (albeit to different degrees) verb movement into the I-domain (Schifano 2015; 2018). Brazilian Portuguese allows null subjects and objects to some extent (Rodrigues 2002). Also, given the morphological richness of most Romance languages, differences in verb movement as described in Schifano (2018) are unexpected (see discussion in chapter 4).

The fact that these generalisations about the mapping between syntax and morphology all have exceptions, shows that morphological richness is not a reliable indication of the presence or absence of syntactic or semantic features; there seems to be no one-to-one mapping between syntactic and semantic features and morphological spell-out. As Bobaljik puts it, “syntactic variation is attested in the absence of morphological variation” (Bobaljik 2002:160). A purely morphological definition of finiteness in terms of the presence or absence of certain verbal features should therefore be rejected. Rather, we need to make a distinction between morphological finiteness and finiteness at other levels of grammar (Anderson 2002:273; Ledgeway 2007:343).

## 2.2 Syntactic finiteness

From a syntactic viewpoint, finiteness relates more to the properties of the clause a verb appears in than the verb form itself. There are many mismatches between syntactic properties correlated with finiteness and the morphological definition of finiteness. For example, as seen in chapter 1, a form is often considered finite when it can head a matrix clause, or more specifically, a declarative root clause (Cristofaro 2003; Anderson 2007). Non-finite forms such as infinitives can appear in some root contexts, as in questions, ‘narrative infinitives’ (Nikolaeva 2010:1178) and child language (Wexler 1994; Lasser 2002):

(6) *Cosa fare?*

what do.INF

‘What to do?’

(It.)

(7) *Marie est venue et Jean de partir.*

Marie be.3SG come and Jean of leave.INF

‘Marie has come and Jean has left.’

(Fr., Nikolaeva 2007:153)

(8) *Graucus primo distinguere et dividere, quemadmodum illa*

Graucus.NOM first distinguish.INF and divide.INF, as those.ACC.PL

*dicerentur.*

say.PASS.IMPF.SBJV.3.PL

'First Graucus distinguished them and divided them, in the way they were told.'

(Lat., Nikolaeva 2007:154)

(9) *Michel dormir là*

Michel sleep.INF there

'Michel sleeps there.'

(Fr., Wexler 1994:311)

Nikolaeva (2007:153ff.) shows that the sentences in (8-9) are finite as they have a regular nominative subject which can control into adjuncts, bind reflexives and can participate in passivisation, like any other subject. In the Latin example in (8) the infinitive has a deictic past tense reference, as can be deduced from the imperfect subjunctive *dicerentur* in the example. The French narrative infinitive in (7) on the other hand has a relative tense which is interpreted as posterior to the verb heading the first conjunct.

Conversely, some morphologically finite forms rarely head their own matrix clause, such as subjunctives. Subjunctives could then be considered less finite even though, morphologically, they are finite, bearing tense<sup>1</sup> and agreement marking (cf. Vincent 1998 and the discussion below in §5.1). These forms can occasionally appear in matrix clauses, but when they do, the clause usually marks a specific modality. For instance, when subjunctives are used in a matrix clause, the clause expresses a command, wish, or curse:

(10) *Viva l'Italia!*

live.SBJV.3.SG the=Italy

'Long live Italy!'

(It.)

This highlights how we need to distinguish morphological finiteness and the ability to head a matrix clause.

Another property that has been linked to syntactic finiteness is the ability to license overt nominative subjects (Chomsky 1981:50; 1998:39). Non-finite forms on the other hand cannot and their subject is interpreted as arbitrary (PRO<sub>arb</sub>) or as coreferential with a matrix argument (raising and control). Also in this case there are mismatches with morphological finiteness. As has been described in chapter 4 and the Introduction of this chapter, many non-finite forms in

<sup>1</sup> But see below for discussion on whether this should be regarded as tense marking.

Romance license nominative subjects, not only infinitives (11), but also gerunds (12), and participles (13):

- (11) *Al cantar lo tú, empezó la fiesta.*  
 at.the sing.INF=it you, start.PRET.3SG the party  
 ‘Upon your singing it, the party began.’

(Sp., Zagana 2002:28)

- (12) *Essendo Gianni disposto ad aiutarci, ...*  
 be.GER Gianni willing to help.INF=us  
 ‘Gianni being willing to help us, ...’

(It., Rizzi 1982:83)

- (13) *Chegados os convidados, podemos server a sopa.*  
 arrived.PTC the invited can.1PL serve.INF the soup  
 ‘Once the guests have arrived, we can serve the soup.’

(BrPt., Schmitt 1998:287)

Conversely, there are verb forms that are morphologically finite whose subject raises to the subject position of a restructuring verb, such as the Balkan-style subjunctive (14):

- (14) *Ion știe (\*Ion/\*el/\*Radu/EL) să vorbească (\*Ion/\*el/Radu/EL) engleza.<sup>2</sup>*  
 Ion know.3SG Ion/he/Radu/HE SA speak.SBJV.3SG Ion/he/Radu/he English.DET  
 ‘Ion is able to speak English.’ (\*Ion knows he/Radu speaks English).

(Ro.)

- (15) *Gianni sa parlare l’inglese (\* Gianni/\*lui/\*Roberto).*  
 Gianni know.3SG speak.INF the=English Gianni/he/Roberto  
 ‘Gianni is able to speak English.’

(It.)

No subject can be inserted in the embedded clause in (14), whether it is coreferent with the matrix subject or not, exactly like the Italian restructuring example in (15). The embedded subjunctive verb does not license nominative case, despite the finite morphology on the verb.

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<sup>2</sup> Only a focused (coreferential) pronoun is allowed here.

Syntactic finiteness is often informally related to the presence of tense: finite forms appearing in matrix clauses have Tense whereas non-finite forms do not. However, it has been argued that not all infinitives are tenseless: control infinitives have a future, unrealised tense (Stowell 1982; Bošković 1997), which is interpreted relative to the matrix clause tense. Other infinitives, such as those of raising and ECM complements, are interpreted as simultaneous to the matrix clause event. These tense interpretations are however not deictic, unlike morphologically finite verbs which usually license a deictic tense (with the exception of subjunctives, see below):

- (16) *Tre mesi fa avevo deciso di licenziarmi ieri.*  
 three months ago have.IPFV.1SG decided of quit.job.INF=REFL yesterday  
 'I decided three months ago to quit my job yesterday.'

(It.)

The unrealised 'future' interpretation of the complement of *decidere* 'to decide' is interpreted with respect to the main verb, and not the moment of speech, as is shown by the grammaticality of a past adverb such as *ieri* 'yesterday'.

Syntactic ways of marking finiteness in Romance include selecting different complementisers; *che/que* for finite clauses (17a, 18a), *AD/DE* for non-finite clauses (17b, 18b):

- (17) a. *Jean dit que/\*à/\*de Marie ne va plus à Paris.*  
 Jean say.3SG that/to/of Marie NEG go.3SG anymore to Paris  
 'Jean says that Marie does not go to Paris anymore.'  
 b. *Jean se refuse \*que/de/à aller à Paris.*  
 Jean REFL=refuse.3SG that/of/to go.INF to Paris  
 'Jean refuses to go to Paris.'

(Fr.)

- (18) a. *Io crerə ca/\*e/\*a tu nun stai buona.*  
 I believe.1SG that/of/to you.SG NEG stay.2SG good  
 'I believe you are mad.'  
 b. *Aierə aggiu decisə \*ca/\*a/e ì a Nnapələ rimana.*  
 yesterday have.1SG decided that/to/of go.INF to Naples tomorrow  
 'Yesterday I decided to go to Naples tomorrow.'

(USIDs, Airola (BN))

There is also a difference in verb-movement, as shown in chapter 4: non-finite forms move higher (cf. Kayne 1991; Schifano 2018):

- (19) a. *A Maria (\*sabe) já sabe esta história.*  
 the Mary (know.3SG) already know.3SG this story  
 'Mary already knows this story.'
- b. *Submeter já (\*submeter) a tua tese seria um erro.*  
 submit.INF already submit.INF the your dissertation be.COND.3SG a mistake  
 'It would be a mistake to submit your dissertation now.'
- (EuPt., Schifano 2018:69, 94)

- (20) a. *Durant les classes d'història, Joan (dorm) sempre dorm.*  
 during the classes of history Joan sleep.3SG always sleep.3SG  
 'During the history classes, Joan always sleeps.'
- b. *Eixir sempre (\*eixir) el dissabte per la nit és típic dels joves.*  
 go.out.INF always (go.out.INF) the Saturday by the night be.3SG typical of.the young  
 'It is typical of young people to always go out on Saturday night.'
- (VCat., Schifano 2018:68, 94)

As can be seen in these European Portuguese and Valencian Catalan minimal pairs, the infinitives obligatorily move across adverbs which cannot or do not have to be crossed in case of a finite verb.

Another syntactic property that depends on finiteness is the opacity or otherwise of a clause (Nikolaeva 2010; Todorović & Wurmbrand 2016). A non-finite clause is a transparent domain for long-distance dependencies, such as clitic climbing (21) and negative raising (22):

- (21) a. *(\*El) vull que el vegis.*  
 him= want.1SG that him=see.SBJV.2SG  
 'I want you to see him.'
- b. *(El) vull veure(l).*  
 him= want.1SG see.INF=him  
 'I want to see him.'
- (Cat.)

- (22) a. *(\*Non) dico che (non) offendi nessuno.*  
 not say.1SG that NEG offend.2SG nobody

'I say that you do not offend anybody.'

- b. *Non voglio offendere nessuno.*  
 NEG want.1SG offend.INF nobody

'I do not want to offend anybody.'

(It.)

The transparency/opacity of a subordinate clause is often connected to the presence or absence of the C-domain. Non-finite clauses are taken to lack or have a reduced C-domain. This is illustrated by the following examples from Spanish, where topicalisation and focus fronting is not allowed in non-finite complements:

- (23) a. *Luis dice que, los libros, ya los leyó.*  
 Luis say.3SG that the books already them=read.PRET.3.SG

'Luis says that the books, he already read.'

- b. *Luis dice que CERVEZA ha bebido (y no sidra).*  
 Luis say.3SG that beer have.3SG drunk and NEG cider

'Luis says that beer he has drunk (and not cider).'

(Sp., Gallego 2010:146)

- (24) a. ??*Luis quiere, los libros, leerlos.*  
 Luis want.3SG the books read.INF=them

'The books, Louis wants to read them.'

- b. \**Luis quiere, CERVEZA beber (y no sidra).*  
 Luis want.3SG beer drink.INF and NEG cider

'Luis wants to drink beer (and not cider).'

(Sp., Gallego 2010:147)

However, rather than the traditional finite/non-finite distinction, what is crucial here is the distinction between restructuring vs non-restructuring verbs (Rizzi 1976a; 1976b; 1978; Cinque 2004; 2006). Not all infinitives in Romance allow clitic climbing or negative raising:

- (25) (\**El*) *vaig rebutjar veure*(*l*).  
 it=go.1SG refuse.INF see.INF=it

'I refused to see it.'

(Cat.)

- (26) (\**Non*) *decido di (non) mangiare niente.*

not        decide1SG   of NEG   eat.INF        anything

'I decide not to eat anything.'

(It.)

A small group of modal and aspectual verbs form what has traditionally been described as a verbal complex. Cinque (2004; 2006) convincingly shows that these actually instantiate monoclausal structures where the finite verb is a functional verb, directly inserted into an FP in the I-domain, whereas the infinitive is the lexical verb located lower, within the VP. Rather than two clauses becoming one (clause union/restructuring), the sentence is monoclausal from the start; the subject of the lexical verb is raised to the IP. Restructuring predicates are thus mere raising predicates which are directly merged in a functional head.

Conversely, some of these dependencies apparently depending on the finiteness of the complement are also allowed into clauses which are traditionally considered finite, such as subjunctive clauses (see §6.1). So again, there is a mismatch between a syntactic property associated with finiteness, viz. opacity, and the morphological marking on the verb heading the embedded clause.

Another fact confirming that what is at play is the restructuring vs full complement distinction comes from the fact that the left periphery can be activated in other types of infinitival complements:

(27) a. *Espero,        los resultados, tenerlos        el lunes.*

hope.1SG    the results    have.INF=them the Monday

'The results, I hope to have them by Monday.'

b. *Dudaba,        el cordero, si hacerlo        al horno.*

doubt.IPFV.3SG the lamb    if make.INF=it    at.the oven

'He doubted whether to cook the lamb in the oven.'

(Sp., Fernández-Sánchez 2016:116)

Again, what is relevant for the grammaticality of discourse related phenomena is not the finiteness distinction but rather the size of the complement – whether the left periphery of the CP is available or not. It is not in the case of restructuring verbs such as *querer* 'to want'.

In conclusion, there are various instances of mismatches in Romance between morphologically finite forms and syntactic properties that have been associated with finiteness. We need to make a distinction between finiteness at a morphological and a syntactic level; the morphological notion of finiteness is of no cross-linguistic consequence and can only be used within languages. Another property that is relevant to explain certain phenomena typically associated with non-finite forms is the size of the complement (Sheehan & Cyrino to appear);

reduced (restructured) complements may allow or disallow operations, but this is not so much due to finiteness as much as the size of the clause (cf. chapter 2 and §8).

### 2.3 Semantic finiteness

From a semantic viewpoint, finiteness has to do with the independence of an event, whether it is autonomous or connected to another event (cf. Givón's (1990) event integration in §4.1 below). Unlike finite clauses, non-finite clauses do not always constitute an event of their own, cf. (28):

- (28) *Inizio a scrivere.*  
begin.1SG to write.INF  
'I begin to write.'

(It.)

It has also been argued that finiteness is related to assertion; only finite clauses have an assertive value. Klein (1998; 2006) argues for this view, applying the 'contrastive intonation test' on a finite element that bears no descriptive value, such as a copula:

- (29) The book WAS on the table.

The particular contrast indicated by the intonation pattern can be interpreted in two ways: the book was on the table, but is not anymore; or, the assertion is wrong, and the book has never been on the table. The finite verb carries (at least) two distinct meaning components: tense and marking that an assertion is made with respect to whatever is said. According to Klein (1998; 2006), being the carrier of the element AST (for "assertion") is the main function of finiteness. In his view, finiteness is a category on its own and cannot be derived from the fact that finite forms are marked for tense, person, mood or other verbal categories. He breaks down the semantic contribution of a finite verb into tense and assertion, arguing that finiteness is a necessary condition for the latter.

There are several semantic effects of finiteness, which Klein views as an operator that can take scope. One of them is that "indefinite noun phrases have a specific reading only if they are (directly or indirectly) in the scope of a finite verb" (Klein 2006:257). If we take an indefinite object, such as 'a unicorn', we see that in the scope of a non-finite verb<sup>3</sup>, it can have both a specific

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<sup>3</sup> The effect can only be seen with so-called transparent verbs such as 'to find'. With opaque verbs as 'to seek' the object can have both a specific and non-specific reading even with finite verbs (Klein 2006: 256-7):

and non-specific reading. However, when selected by or embedded under a finite verb, the non-specific reading disappears:

- (30) a. Finding a unicorn - what a bizarre idea!  
b. It is the dream of each hunter to find a unicorn.

(Klein 2006:257)

- (31) a. John found a unicorn.  
b. John managed to find a unicorn.

(Klein 2006:257)

This shows that finiteness is more than just a morphological distinction, and has consequences at a semantic level as well. It seems however that it is not just finiteness that is playing a role here, but also mood. When selected by a finite verb such as 'to wish' or a modal, the non-specific reading is available again:

- (32) a. John has to find a unicorn.  
b. John wishes to find a unicorn.

This shows that finiteness is closely connected to mood, an idea that will be further explored in §6.

A problem for this view, as already indicated by Klein (2006:263ff.) himself, is that not all morphologically finite clauses are assertive (Hooper & Thompson 1973; Haegeman 2003; 2007; 2010). Questions, commands and wishes or general descriptions ('laws') are not. Also embedded sentences are not asserted, at least not by the speaker of the utterance as a whole; they could be the assertion of the main clause subject (e.g. complements to Hooper & Thompson's (1973) class A verbs, such as 'say', 'report', cf. (33)). Embedded finite sentences can also be presupposed rather than asserted, as in case of a factive verb (as in (34), cf. Kiparsky & Kiparsky 1968; Hooper & Thompson 1973):

- (33) *Gianni ha detto che la terra è piatta.*  
Gianni have.3SG said that the Earth be.3SG flat  
'Gianni has said that the Earth is flat.'

(It.)

- (34) *Mi dispiace            che    piova            oggi.*  
 to.me=displease.3SG that rain.SBJV.3SG today  
 'I am sorry it rains today.'

(It.)

The speaker is only asserting the matrix verb, not the complement, even if the verbs are morphologically finite. Other morphologically finite forms, such as the subjunctive, are not assertive, not even when used in a matrix clause. This is another hint that assertion and finiteness are indeed related, and that (non-)finiteness is closely related to mood.

According to Klein (2006:256), rather than expressing assertion directly, finiteness is required for assertion; finiteness links the non-finite sentence base to a topic component (including topic time, place and world); it links the topic about which something is asserted (wished, questioned...) to the assertion (or question, wish, command...). So, rather than expressing the assertion itself, it provides the link between the topic and the content of the sentence (see our discussion on anchoring below in §4).

## 2.4 Phonological (reflexes of) finiteness

The question arises whether there are phonological reflexes of finiteness; whether the finite/non-finite distinction is also marked in some way at the phonological level. There are indeed a few examples of how phonological features mark the distinction between finite and non-finite forms in Romance. In many southern Italian dialects, the difference between the 3<sup>rd</sup> person singular and the infinitive is marked mainly by stress (Ledgeway 2007), as in (35):

- (35) a. [ak.kat.'ta]  
       buy.INF  
       b. [ak.'kat.ta]  
       he.buys.PRS.IND

(SIDs, Moiano (BN))

Nevertheless, the unstressed final [a] tends to be reduced to a schwa [ə], which further distinguishes the finite and non-finite form.

Similarly, the level of finiteness of a complement can be marked phonologically on the complementiser. In Cosentino, *Raddoppiamento Fonosintattico* on complementisers distinguishes between coreference [+RF] and obviation [-RF] of the embedded subject, and marks therefore the level of semantic integration between the two clauses (Ledgeway in press):

- (36) a. *Francu<sub>i</sub> dicia cca pro<sub>i/??j</sub> / ?Pinu tena raggiune.*  
 Francu say.3SG that Pinu have.3SG reason  
 'Franco<sub>i</sub> says that he<sub>i/??j</sub> / ?Pinu is right.'
- b. *Francu<sub>i</sub> dicia ca pro<sub>j/\*i</sub> / Pinu tena raggiune.*  
 Francu say.3SG that Pinu have.3SG reason  
 'Franco<sub>i</sub> says that he<sub>j/\*i</sub> / Pinu is right.'

(Cos., Ledgeway in press)

If we assume a scalar view of finiteness, we can say that the presence of RF on the complementiser *cca* marks a less finite complement (namely a controlled complement, as in (36a)) than the absence of RF (*ca*), which indicates an obviative complement as in (36b).

Another example of phonology marking finiteness is given by the Sardinian and old Neapolitan inflected infinitive. The Sardinian inflected infinitive arguably derives from the imperfect subjunctive, with which it is still homophonous in many varieties, although the use of the imperfect subjunctive is limited to the auxiliaries *aere* 'have' and *esser* 'be'. During this reanalysis of the imperfect subjunctive as an inflected infinitive in Sardinian, there was a change in stress pattern (Jones 1993:278; Pisano 2008). In some of the varieties where both forms are still in use, the only difference between the two forms is the stress pattern; phonology marks a difference in the level of finiteness. Similarly, in old Neapolitan we see stress retraction in the reanalysis of pluperfect indicatives to inflected infinitives (Ledgeway 2007:358):

- (37) CANTA(VE)RÀMUS > *cantàremo*  
 sing.PPRF.1PL > sing.INF.1PL  
 CANTA(VE)RA(TIS)=VOS > *cantàrevo*  
 sing.PPRF.2PL > sing.INF.2PL  
 CANTA(VE)RAN(T) > *cantàreno*  
 sing.PPRF.3PL > sing.INF.3PL

The stress moves from the person ending to the infinitival inflection *-are*. The changes in stress patterns mark the change in finiteness both in Sardinian and old Neapolitan; in some Sardinian varieties both forms (infinitive and past subjunctives) are still used and are distinguished through stress.

All these examples show how (morpho-)phonology can mark finiteness on the complementiser or the verb. However, finiteness is not a phonological phenomenon but rather a syntactic-semantic distinction which can be reflected in (morpho)phonological marking.

## 2.5 Conclusion

Finiteness has different manifestations at various levels of grammar: morphologically, finiteness cannot be defined cross-linguistically, but non-finite forms often lack marking that is present on finite forms. Syntactically, finiteness manifests itself in the presence of an overt, lexical subject, in independent tense and in the opacity of the clause. Semantically, a finite clause is autonomous and expresses an assertion (or another illocutionary force). It has been shown that there are many mismatches between these levels, in the sense that morphological marking is not a reliable indicator of syntactic or semantic finiteness. A purely morphological definition therefore needs to be rejected. Also, since clauses can be non-finite on different levels of grammar, an overall binary view of finiteness is untenable, and a scalar view is more appropriate.

The remainder of this chapter will focus on the syntactic (and to some extent, semantic) properties of finiteness. It will be shown that it is not a linguistic primitive but is the result of the anchoring of a clause on a syntactic level, which strongly correlates with semantic autonomy. Morphological or phonological marking will not play a central role in the proposed analysis.

## 3. V-features vs N-features

Many linguistic theories recognise a major categorial distinction between verbs and nouns; other categories are sometimes derived as combinations of both verbal features (V) and nominal features (N) (cf. Chomsky 1981). Finite verbs are prototypically verbal, but non-finite verbs have a less clear status. Non-finite forms also present properties of other categories, especially nominal ones (Noonan 2007:69–71; Nikolaeva 2010:1177). Infinitives can behave as nouns, preceded by an article, as (38), and occurring in Case-marked argument positions; participles can behave as adjectives, agreeing with a noun (39); and gerunds are very similar to adverbials (40):

- (38) *Il dolce far niente*  
 the sweet do.INF nothing  
 ‘Pleasant idleness’

(It.)

- (39) *Le materie studiate*  
 the subjects.F.PL studied.F.PL  
 ‘The studied subjects’

(It.)

- (40) *È uscito correndo.*  
 be.3SG gone.out running  
 'He came out running.'

(It.)

It seems that only non-finite forms can be used as another category; finite verbs cannot normally be nominalised or be used as an adjective in Romance. There are, however, a few lexicalised cases: e.g. Fr. *le que-dit-on* 'gossip', It. *il come-si-chiama* 'the what's-it-called', *fu* 'deceased'.

In Romanian, the infinitive has different forms according to its use as a verbal or nominal category. There is a bare verbal form (41a), a verbal form with *a* (41b) and a nominal long form of the infinitive (41c):

- (41) a. *mânca*  
 eat.INF  
 b. *a mânca*  
 to eat.INF  
 c. *mâncare(a)*  
 eat.INF.N.(.DET)

(Ro.)

The latter infinitive form is fully nominal, as it can be inflected for number and case (e.g. *mâncăruri* 'foods.NOM-ACC') and cannot head its own clause.

In fact, some typologists consider less finite forms 'deverbalised' and/or 'nominalised' (Croft 1990:217; Koptjevskaja-Tamm 1993; cf. discussion in §4.1 below). In many languages, the infinitive seems in fact to be derived from a nominal construction. This appears to be the case for most Indo-European infinitives, which derive historically from case-marked nominalisations (Noonan 2007:69). Many languages lack an 'infinitive' and show other types of non-finite forms (Koptjevskaja-Tamm 1993); the term 'infinitive' stems from the Indo-European tradition (cf. chapter 1).

Due to the nominal origin of infinitives, complementisers with infinitives typically derive from adpositions or articles, often expressing allative or purpose-related meanings, e.g. Eng. *to*, German *zu* and Romance *AD > a, à* (Haspelmath 1989). Similarly, we have prepositional non-finite complementisers derived from *DE* for infinitives and *IN* with gerunds. Finite complementisers, however, also often contain a nominal element; the same has been proposed for Romance *che/que* (Baunaz & Lander 2018).

However, the forms studied in the previous chapters in this thesis, such as the personal and inflected infinitive, or the Balkan-style subjunctive, are no more nominal than finite verb forms. They can appear in subject and object positions, and as complements, but so can embedded finite clauses headed by a complementiser *que/che*. They license subjects and objects, without needing a preposition as nominal forms do (cf. *la distruzione della città* ‘the destruction **of** the city’, *l’amore di una madre* ‘the love **of** a mother’) and are modified by adverbs rather than adjectives. The only seemingly more nominal behaviour of inflected infinitives is that they can sometimes be introduced by an article in case of factive complements:

- (42) *M’aggradat (su) de l’aereis fattu bois custu travallu.*  
 to.me=please.3SG (the) of it=have.INF.2PL done you.PL this work  
 ‘I like that you have done this job.’

(Srd., Virdis 2015:475)

- (43) *Nós lamentamos (o (facto de)) eles terem recebido pouco dinheiro.*  
 we regret.1PL the fact of they have.INF.3PL received little money  
 ‘We regret that they have received little money.’

(EuPt., Raposo 1987:97)

This can be explained under an approach of factive complements being nominal or referential (Haegeman & Ürögdi 2010a; 2010b), containing a silent noun ‘fact’ (Kiparsky & Kiparsky 1968), which can indeed be realised in the Portuguese example. In sum, the view of non-finite forms as more nominal is not fine-grained enough to account for the semi-finite forms as attested in Romance.

## 4. Previous approaches

### 4.1 Typological/functionalist approaches

Typological approaches take finiteness as a cluster of features that set apart forms that appear in declarative main clauses from forms that are in some way reduced and tend to appear in subordinate clauses. Rather than defining it in an absolute way, there are prototypes of finite clauses and prototypes of non-finite clauses; they thus adopt a scalar notion of finiteness (“matter of degree” (Givón 1990:26)). The properties which disappear or change on less-finite verbs vary from language to language, which makes a cross-linguistic definition extremely difficult.

Cristofaro (2003) takes this a step further by saying that finiteness is essentially an epiphenomenon and is not part of speakers' linguistic knowledge. Rather than as a linguistic primitive, finiteness should be seen as 'the realisation of a cross-linguistic tendency for certain parameters to correlate with each other, motivated in terms of functional properties' (Nikolaeva 2010:1080).

This notion of finiteness might not be relevant for all languages, however. Typologists make a distinction between nominalising vs extreme finite languages (Givón 1990:26) or deranking vs balancing languages (Stassen 1985:76–81; Croft 1990:217–18; Cristofaro 2003:54ff). In the first type, viz. nominalising/deranking, certain verb forms become less prototypically verbal, which can happen through the loss of verbal properties (such as the loss of TAM and person marking, or employing special forms) and/or the acquisition of nominal properties (such as case marking), as in Tamil (44). In the other type, such a distinction is not made: all embedded clauses are as finite as matrix clauses (and are thus extreme finite/balanced), e.g. in Tolowa Athabaskan (45).

(44) *Ava vizzuntatunaale azutaa.*

she fall.PAST.NMLZ.INS weep.PST.3.F.SG

'Because she fell, she cried.'

(Tamil, Cristofaro 2003:56)

(45) a. *nn-tū-sh-ʼj*

2.SG-THM-1.SG-observe

'I observe you'

b. *nn-tū-sh-ʼj*                      *'uu-sh-tl-te*

2.SG-THM-1.SG-observe THM-DES-1SG-L-want

'I want to observe you'

(Tolowa Athabaskan, Givón 1990:29–30)

The notion of finiteness thus cannot be a linguistic primitive as such if it does not have a value cross-linguistically.

Noonan (2007:67) considers infinitives to be 'verb-like entities that do not bear syntactic relations to their notional subjects, i.e. their subjects do not take nominative case marking or condition verb agreement (where otherwise appropriate for subjects), nor are they marked in the genitive case, as a subject of a nominalisation might be marked.' This definition is problematic because it would exclude the Romance inflected and personal infinitive, as well as the Balkan-style subjunctive, which we have argued are less finite than indicative verbs. Furthermore, his statement that infinitives are usually reduced in some way, but that 'except for subject agreement

(and mood), infinitives may be inflected for all verbal categories such as tense–aspect, voice, object agreement, etc.’ (Noonan 2007:67), shows once more that from a cross-linguistic viewpoint a purely morphological definition of non-finite forms is impossible.

Cristofaro (2007:99) argues however that which features are lost when the verbal form is reduced are not completely random – there is a cross-linguistic tendency to lose certain verbal features before others, which she represents in the following hierarchy:

- (46) Lack of T/A/M distinctions >> Lack of person agreement distinctions/lack of overtly expressed arguments >> Case marking/ adpositions, special T/A/M forms >> Special person agreement forms, coding of arguments as possessors.

‘>>’ has to be read as is ‘more frequent than’. This seems to be partly confirmed by Romance non-finite forms, which lack T and M marking. Unlike Latin infinitives, they cannot be marked for aspect morphologically, only syntactically, namely by a periphrasis with a perfective auxiliary and a participle. Romance non-finite forms can optionally be marked for person or take an overt subject. With respect to case-marking, there seems to be an asymmetry between nominative and accusative, in the sense that many (but not all) non-finite forms lack the ability to assign nominative but are able to assign accusative:

- (47) *Nel considerare (\*di) questi casi,*  
in.the consider.INF (\*of) these cases  
‘Considering these cases, ...’

(It.)

- (48) *Studiando (\*di) una nuova lingua,*  
study.GER (of) a new language  
‘Studying a new language, ...’

(It.)

In order to accommodate this, the hierarchy should be adapted and should distinguish the ability of a verb form to assign case to its subject from its ability to assign case to its object. Romance non-finite forms are indeed reduced for TAM distinctions, and many show no subject agreement and lack the ability to assign nominative case; nevertheless, many of them can still license a direct object.

## 4.1.1 Finiteness and subordination

Much typological and functional research has focused on a possible link between semantics (the type of bond between matrix and embedded clause) and the syntactic form of the subordination (finite vs non-finite complement).

According to Givón (1990) clause union is an iconic reflection of the cognitive-semantic process of event integration. There is isomorphism between the syntax and semantics of complementation, which involves the two parallel dimensions of event integration at a semantic level and clause integration/clause union at a syntactic level. The grammar of complementation is iconic because the more semantically integrated the two events are, the more the two clauses will be syntactically integrated as well. The syntactic devices to encode clause-union include: colexicalisation/predicate raising; case-marking and grammatical relations; the embedded subject being marked as an object of the main verb; change in the verbal morphology (reduced TAM and person marking, and a derived nominal form of the verb) and the presence or absence of an interclausal gap in the form of an intonation break or complementisers. This process can indeed be seen in Romance restructuring verbs and causative constructions:

(49) *Ci sono        dovuta        andare.*

LOC=be.1SG must.PTC.F.SG go.INF

'I had to go there.'

(It.)

(50) *L'ha                fatto ridere.*

him.ACC=have.3SG made laugh.INF

'It has made him laugh.'

(It.)

(51) *(\*ci) ho/        \*sono deciso/\*a        di andarci.*

LOC=have.1SG/ be.1SG decided.M.SG/F.SG to go.INF=LOC

'I decided to go there.'

(It.)

In the case of restructuring verbs, to which both *dovere* 'must' in (49) and causative *fare* 'do, make' (50) belong, the two verbs form one syntactic complex to which the clitics can appear in proclisis and where the matrix verb determines the perfective auxiliary of the modal; moreover, the subject of the causative verb is marked in accusative (Sheehan 2016:986–7). The verb lexicalising the embedded event is non-finite, in these cases an infinitive, and does not have any TAM or person

marking. On the other hand, such restructuring phenomena are not found with other verbs (51). Thus, the more the event is integrated, the less finite the complement will be.

Based on this iconicity principle, Givón (1990:59) proposes a complementation scale of event integration, from maximal to minimal event integration:

- (52) [manipulative verbs: successful intended causation - intended active attempted manipulation] OR  
 [modality verbs: accomplishment – attempt – intent/obligation – preference/fear - ability/know how]  
 preference/aversion - epistemic anxiety - epistemic (un)certainity - indirected quoted utterance - directed quoted utterance

In a very similar vein, Cristofaro (2003:4) proposes the following subordination deranking hierarchy, also incorporating other subordination contexts apart from complementation:

- (53) phasals > modals > desideratives, manipulatives, purpose > perception > before, after, when, A relativisation, S relativisation > reality condition, reason, O relativisation > knowledge, propositional attitude, utterance, IO relativisation, oblique relativisation

Assuming the iconicity idea of event integration, events occurring to the left side of the complementation will be likely to be encoded by a deranked verbal form, and the ones on the right will be encoded by more finite clauses. Cristofaro (2003:4) says “if any non-independent declarative clause-like construction is used to code the dependent event in a subordination relation at any point on the hierarchy, then it is used for all subordination relations to the left of the hierarchy.” Nikolaeva (2010:1185) also describes a similarly consistent cross-linguistic picture where complements of cognitive predicates are canonically more finite than complements of volitional and some other predicates. According to her, this is because the former introduce an independent world (existential temporal anchoring) and the latter introduce a set of worlds (intensional anchoring).

These scales have also been adopted within a generative approach. Wurmbrand & Lohninger (submitted) argue that typically three complement types are distinguished in a language, and thus formulate a more general implicational complementation hierarchy: Attitude > Irrealis > Tenseless. The complements to attitude verbs are the most independent, least transparent, least integrated and most complex; the tenseless complements on the other hand are the least independent, the most transparent, the most integrated and the least complex.

A problematic aspect of these hierarchies is that many points present options in Romance. Many verbs can select both a subjunctive and an infinitival complement, which do not display the same degree of finiteness (nor the same reduction in verbal features). The distribution of these two is determined by whether the subject of the embedded clause is coreferent with an argument (usually the subject) of the matrix clause or not. In controlled complements, an infinitive will normally be used;<sup>4</sup> on the other hand, a subjunctive marks obviation in most Romance languages (the exception being the Balkan-style subjunctive in Romanian and ESIDs).

Another fact that these approaches do not account for, as Nikolaeva (2010:1186) rightly points out, is that many non-finite forms are also used in non-subordinated contexts (even though in many of these cases, there is a special modality reading, except for narrative infinitives as discussed above). Imperatives occur exclusively in main clauses and tend to have reduced inflection and co-occurrence with an overt subject. “This indicates that the finiteness opposition may be deeper than the asymmetry defined by the semantics of subordination” (Nikolaeva 2010:1186).

In sum, the typological approaches focus on whether a language has a finiteness opposition at all; if so, certain classes of predicates are more likely to select verbs with reduced finiteness than others. Typologists have formulated implicational hierarchies of predicates selecting a certain type of complement and Romance seems to fit these hierarchies. Nevertheless, these hierarchies do not account for the optionality between subjunctive and infinitives in Romance for many points in these hierarchies. Furthermore, they mostly consider complement clauses. Finally, our goal here is to understand what the difference between finite and non-finite verbs is at a syntactic level, and this should hopefully account for their distribution as described by these typological hierarchies.

## 4.2 Generative approaches to finiteness

### 4.2.1 The null case approach

In previous versions of generative grammar, finiteness is assumed as a primitive, being a binary feature on Infl. Both tense and subject licensing work differently when T bears the feature [-finite].

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<sup>4</sup> There are some cases of optionality:

(i) *A Gianni ho detto di andarsene /che se ne vada.*  
 to Gianni have.1SG said of leave.INF=REFL=PART /that RELF=PART=leave.SBJV.3SG  
 ‘To Gianni I said to leave.’

(It.)

Originally, [-finite] was regarded as implying both the absence of tense and the absence of (nominative) case, and hence the absence of overt subjects, as expressed in (54):

(54) Nominative case is licensed by [+finite] Tense/Infl.

(Chomsky 1981:50; Chomsky 1998:39; Bianchi 2003:214)

This original idea has been developed in subsequent research, and both the relationship between finiteness and tense on the one hand and the relation between finite Tense and nominative subject licensing have been reviewed.

With regard to infinitival tense, according to Stowell (1982) and Bošković (1997) there are two types of infinitives. Raising infinitives and ECM infinitives are interpreted as simultaneous to the matrix clause, and do not have tense. Control infinitives on the other hand, do have tense in the sense that they are interpreted as unrealised/future with respect to the matrix verb:

(55) a. Jenny remembered [PRO to bring the wine].

b. Jenny remembered [PRO bringing the wine].

(56) a. Jim tried [PRO to lock the door].

b. Jim tried [PRO locking the door].

(Stowell 1982:563)

The infinitival complements are interpreted as *unrealised* with respect to the tense of the matrix; in contrast, the understood tense of the gerund depends on the governing verb. This leads Stowell (1982: 563) to postulate a tense operator in the complementiser position, similar to finite tensed clauses. When the complementiser layer is absent, as is the case in ECM constructions, there is no such tense operator:

(57) a. Bill considers [himself to be the smartest].

b. The boys found [them to be amusing].

c. Jane showed [the solution to be trivial].

(Stowell 1982:565)

The unrealised future reading thus does not obtain; all the infinitival clauses have to be interpreted as simultaneous to the matrix verb. The tense is determined wholly by the meaning of the matrix verb.

With respect to the case licensing of the non-finite subject, infinitival subjects are usually represented as PRO, which means that they can be coreferential with an argument of the matrix

clause (control) or arbitrary (PRO<sub>arb</sub>). PRO needs to be licensed; being simultaneously a pronoun and an anaphor, it can only occur in an ungoverned position. Originally, PRO was argued to have no Case as it appears in ungoverned positions. However, because of the similarities in behaviour in terms of A-movement between PRO and Case-marked NPs, PRO is marked for null Case (Chomsky & Lasnik 1993). Not all infinitives have null Case though, as some allow overt subjects (e.g. ECM in English), but these are argued crucially to lack the CP, as it was thought that subject-licensing is partly mediated by C (Koopman 1984; Platzack 1986; Vikner 1995:54–56, a.o.). Assuming that PRO was ungoverned is furthermore contradicted by the fact that Romance controlled infinitives are often preceded by complementisers AD and DE (Watanabe 1996).

This observation led to a unified analysis of both tense and Case properties of infinitival clauses. Only control infinitives, which have unrealised tense (Stowell 1982), can assign null Case (Bošković 1997; Martin 2001). ECM infinitives are specified as [-Tense], and do not assign null Case. The infinitival subject therefore has to raise to the matrix clause to be assigned accusative Case by the matrix predicate. The difference in tense properties between control infinitives on the one hand and raising and ECM infinitives on the other also explains why only control infinitives can bind the variable of eventive predicates (Bošković 1997).

Problematic for these traditional GB approaches is the fact that they are mostly English-centred. The main assumption is that non-finiteness (formalised as [-finite] Infl) correlates with the absence of agreement features and the impossibility of having an overt nominative subject. As discussed extensively in this thesis, this is not the case for Romance, where we find both inflected and personal infinitives. These accounts do not offer any explanation of the agreement nor do they explain why infinitives in Romance can also license nominative subjects in non-control contexts. According to the null Case approach, lexical subjects need to raise to get Case; second, they should only be found in untensed complements. The fact that Romance infinitives license *nominative* subjects without the need to move them to the matrix clause is not accounted for.

The idea that control infinitives are tensed and others are not also runs into problems. As shown by Raposo (1986:78) and Wurmbrand (2007; 2014) among others, not all control verbs are future-oriented: implicatives and aspectuals such as *try*, *manage*, and *begin* select complements which are necessarily simultaneous to the main verb. This is confirmed by the corresponding control verbs in Romance, exemplified in (58) for Italian:

- (58) a. *\*Ieri Gianni ha iniziato a cantare domani.*  
 yesterday Gianni have.3SG started to sing.INF tomorrow  
 ‘Yesterday Gianni started to sing tomorrow.’  
 b. *\*Ieri Maria ha provato a cantare domani.*  
 yesterday Maria have.3SG tried to sing.INF tomorrow  
 ‘Yesterday Maria tried to sing tomorrow.’

- c. \**Ieri Antonio è riuscito a cantare domani.*  
 yesterday Antonio be.3SG managed to sing.INF tomorrow  
 'Yesterday Antonio managed to sing tomorrow.'

(It.)

This is however not a problem for Cinque's (2004) view, according to which these are raising predicates, forming one monoclausal construction with the infinitive (see §8.1).

A second problem is the contrast between English and French with respect to epistemic verbs such as *believe*, as first noticed by Kayne (1984). According to the null Case approach, these complements are untensed, and hence cannot feature PRO but select ECM complements, as in the following English examples:

- (59) a. John believes Bill to have lied.  
 b. \*I believe/acknowledge/affirm [PRO to have made a mistake].

(Kayne 1984:103,112)

Furthermore, because they lack tense, they cannot bind an eventive variable. Therefore, they can only contain stative verbs, or eventive verbs in combination with a temporal auxiliary or a modal to bind the eventive variable (Martin 2001).

In French, however, PRO can appear in these complements (60), and no ECM is possible (61), unless the subject is *wh*-moved (62):

- (60) a. *Pierre croit [PRO avoir convaincu son auditoire].*  
 Pierre believe.3SG PRO have.INF convinced his audience  
 'Pierre believes that he has convinced his audience.'  
 b. *Pierre a constaté [PRO avoir convaincu son auditoire].*  
 Pierre have.3SG noticed PRO have.INF convinced his audience  
 'Pierre has noticed that he convinced his audience.'

(Fr. Bošković 1997:63)

- (61) \**Jean croit Bill avoir menti.*  
 Jean believe.3SG Bill have.INF lied  
 'John believes Bill to have lied.'

(Fr., Kayne 1984:103)

- (62) *le garçon que je croyais être arrivé*

the boy      that I believe.IPFV.1SG    be.INF arrived  
 'the boy I believed to have arrived'

(Fr., Kayne 1984:107)

Bošković argues that in French, the complements to verbs such as *croire* do have tense, contrary to their English counterparts, because they allow non-habitual interpretations without the appearance of a modal or an auxiliary:

(63) a. *Je crois rêver.*

I believe.1SG dream.INF  
 'I believe that I am dreaming.'

b. *Anna croyait arriver en retard hier alors qu'en fait elle  
 Anna believe.IPFV.3SG arrive.INF in delay yesterday although in fact she  
 était à l'heure.*

be.IPFV.3SG on the=time

'Anna believed that she arrived late yesterday although in fact she was on time.'

c. *Je crois réussir l'examen demain.*

I believe.1SG succeed.INF the=exam tomorrow

'I believe that I will pass the exam tomorrow.'

(Fr., Bošković 1997:64)

On the basis of these sentences, Bošković (1997:64) concludes that infinitival complements to propositional verbs such as *croire* are [+tense]. This is however not the case in all Romance languages. In Brazilian Portuguese, believe-type complements cannot have a [+eventive] interpretation without an operator and should be interpreted as [-eventive] (Pires 2006:9):

(64) a. *\*O Paulo imagina sonhar.*

the Paulo believe.3SG dream.INF  
 'Paulo believes that he is dreaming.'

b. *\*O Paulo acreditou ontem [viajar para Londres hoje  
 the Paulo believe.PRET.3SG yesterday travel.INF to London today  
 /há dois dias].*

/ago two days

'Paulo believed yesterday that he would travel to London today/two days ago.'

(BrPt., Pires 2006:9)

Nonetheless, PRO is allowed in these complements in Brazilian Portuguese even if the complement is untensed:

- (65) *A Maria acredita PRO ter convencido a platéia.*  
 the Maria believe.3SG PRO have.INF convinced the audience.  
 'Mary believes that she convinced her audience.'

(BrPt, Pires 2006:108)

This is problematic for the null Case approach, which predicts that PRO can only appear in tensed (i.e. future/irrealis) infinitival complements.

Neapolitan, on the other hand, does not allow PRO under epistemic verbs:

- (66) *\*Ciro è sicuro 'e canoscere a Mario.*  
 Ciro be.3SG sure of know.INF DOM Mario  
 'Ciro is sure that he knows Mario.'

(Nap. Ledgeway 2000:100)

Some Romance languages do pattern like English. This has been linked to properties of the present tense in this variety (Ledgeway 2000:100ff.).

Even in the Romance languages in which the believe-type complements are tensed, allowing non-habitual interpretations, these do not express a future meaning as argued by Stowell (1982), as shown by the following Italian examples:

- (67) a. *\*Ieri Gianni credeva di \*(dover/voler) partire domani.*  
 yesterday Gianni believe.IPFV.3SG of must.INF/want.INF leave.INF tomorrow  
 'Yesterday Gianni believed he would leave tomorrow.'
- b. *\*Ieri Gianni affermava di partire domani.*  
 yesterday Gianni declare.IPFV.3SG of leave.INF tomorrow  
 'Yesterday Gianni declared he would leave tomorrow.'
- c. *Gianni afferma/crede di essersi sbagliato.*  
 Gianni declare.3SG/believe.3SG of be.INF mistaken  
 'Gianni declares/believes that he was mistaken.'

(It.)

The complements have to be simultaneous (70a-b) or appear with a perfective auxiliary (70c).

Therefore, it cannot be maintained that all control complements are future-oriented or tensed. In fact, even in English, there are control verbs that are attitude verbs, such as ‘to claim’, which do not have a future interpretation:

- (68) a. \*Yesterday, John claimed to leave tomorrow.  
 b. Yesterday, John claimed to be leaving tomorrow.

(Wurmbrand 2014:408)

The third problematic aspect is the assumption within the null Case approach that PRO and lexical subjects are in complementary distribution; the former can only occur in non-finite clauses that are tensed and the latter only in finite clauses or in untensed non-finite clauses. This is not necessarily the case in Romance. For instance, Balkan-style subjunctives allow both PRO and lexical subjects:

- (69) a. *Ion vrea PRO să vină la București.*  
 Ion want.3SG SA PRO come.SBJV.3SG to Bucarest  
 ‘Ion wants to come to Bucarest.’  
 b. *Ion vrea să vină la București Ana/pro.*  
 Ion want.3SG SA come.SBJV.3SG to Bucarest Ana  
 ‘Ion wants Ana/him/her to come to Bucarest.’

(Ro.)

Complements to volitionals are irrealis complements with a future interpretation in Bošković’s (1997) view; these should license PRO, not lexical subjects. However, both can appear. Furthermore, the same Tense restrictions are found in Romance subjunctives (Terzi 1997:349), which cannot license PRO and only feature lexical subjects. Finally, in English too, there are environments in which both PRO and lexical subjects are allowed, namely clausal gerunds, and complements to the verb *want* (cf. translations of (69)):

- (70) a. Susan worried about being late for dinner.  
 b. Susan worried about John/him being late for dinner.

(Pires 2006:15)

The assumption underlying the null Case approach runs into various empirical problems.

In conclusion, the distinction assumed in the null Case approach does thus not in English nor in Romance. There are *two* types of controlled infinitival tense (Wurmbrand 2001; 2014; Landau 2003): future/irrealis and simultaneous tense. Wurmbrand (2014) divides the

simultaneous infinitives in two classes, separating the propositional non-future which contains its own tense, from the simultaneous complements to restructuring verbs. It is thus not true in Romance (or English) that all control verbs have future/irrealis tense and that all non-controlled infinitives necessarily have a simultaneous reading. Second, PRO and lexical subjects are not always in complementary distribution, another problem for the null Case approach.

#### 4.2.2 Finiteness as a head in syntactic structure

Within his split CP, Rizzi (1997) argues for a projection FinP, dedicated specifically to the marking of finiteness: “it appears that, at least in these language families, C expresses a distinction related to tense but more rudimentary than tense and other inflectional specifications on the verbal system: finiteness” (Rizzi 1997:283). Even though deviations from the cluster of core properties are attested, he considers finiteness as a cross-linguistically valid notion.

Many syntacticians have adopted this position as the locus of finiteness. For instance, Adger (2007) associates the position Fin with a feature that determines the interpretation of the lower clause as anaphoric to the speech event of the higher clause (following Bianchi 2003). He calls this feature [+finite]. This strongly argues for divorcing subject licensing from the interpretable feature finite. The distinction between uninterpretable features [T] and [Agr] on Fin and the interpretable [finite] feature also entails a divorce between the clausal expression of finiteness and its morphological expression as tense and agreement features. In this model, the [T] and the [Agr] features, are not confined to the Fin projection and may appear lower down the clause. There is no clear mapping from the traditional morphological notion of finiteness to the categories of formal grammar.

The idea of a dedicated position for finiteness is rather problematic. We have seen in the preceding sections that finiteness is not a primitive but has to be divided into several syntactic properties, which may or may not be reflected in morphological marking. If there is not one property or feature that is common to the finite – non-finiteness distinction cross-linguistically, why should we assume there is a functional head within the clause dedicated to it? Finiteness is in fact encoded and distributed in different places in the clause; not just in Fin. Usually within Romance finiteness distinctions are encoded both on C (as shown in the choice between the complementiser *che/que* and the infinitival markers/complementisers AD and DE) and most notably on the verb form, which is located within the I/T-domain (Schifano 2015, 2018). C and T are indeed closely connected; certain features, such as  $\phi$ -features originate on C but can be shared or donated to T (Chomsky 2004; Ouali 2008). We can therefore hypothesise that the same goes for the features related to finiteness: they can be shared between C and T in Romance, but also be expressed solely on one of these heads. In fact, some languages mark finiteness only on the verb,

e.g. Swedish, where the complementiser *att* introduces both finite and non-finite clauses (Vincent 1993:151):

(71) a. *Jan sa att den här boken borde jag ha läst.*

Jan say.PST.3SG that this here book should I have.INF read

'Jan said that this book here I should have read.'

(Swedish, Holmberg & Platzack 1995:83)

b. *Jag föredrar att avgå.*

I prefer.1SG COMP resign.INF

'I prefer to resign.'

(Swedish, Harbert 2006:418)

Conversely, other languages mark the distinction only on the complementiser and not on the verb; this is the case in Maltese (Vincent 1993:151), where the verb form is not marked for finiteness but finiteness is marked with the presence or absence of a complementiser (*ibidem*):

(72) a. *Ix-xhud qal li kienet ix-xita.*

the-witness say.PST COMP was the-rain

'The witness said it was raining'

b. *Beda Ø jimxi.*

he.began he.walks

'He began to walk'

(Maltese, Vincent 1993:151)

Furthermore, the finiteness distinction has consequences for the licensing of subjects and the availability of subject positions (see chapter 4§4.2); it bears also on the transparency of the clause as a whole. Finiteness can also be marked through verb movement into a high IP position, or V2 as raising of finite verb to the C-domain in Germanic and Medieval Romance (Vikner 1995; Holmberg 2015; Wolfe 2015). It seems therefore unlikely that finiteness can be reduced to one head within the derivation. Fin, or the C-domain more in general, is thus not the only locus of finiteness: there is therefore no a priori reason why there should be one functional head dedicated specifically to finiteness.

## 5. Finiteness as anchoring of person and tense

### 5.1 INFL as a universal anchoring category

Ritter & Wiltschko (2014) argue for a view of the Infl head as a universal anchoring category. This category links the event with the utterance and is endowed with the feature [coin], which stands for coincidence (cf. Hale 1986). The substantive content of this universal category can differ crosslinguistically: INFL may be associated with temporal, personal and spatial marking, which anchors the event situation to the utterance situation. Anchoring is universal, but need not to be mediated by Tense (Ritter & Wiltschko 2014:1339). Mood has also been proposed as an anchoring category in Dravidian (Amritavalli 2014). We will leave the last three types aside, and focus on tense, as in Romance languages anchoring happens mainly through tense.

In Indo-European languages, every indicative root clause must be marked for tense, as illustrated in (73) for English; we can translate this directly into Romance, exemplified here by Italian:

- (73) a. Yoshi *is* playing  
b. Yoshi *was* playing.

(Ritter & Wiltschko 2014:1332)

- (74) a. Yoshi *sta giocando*.  
b. Yoshi *stava giocando*.

(It.)

However, *sta* and *stava* are marked not only for tense, but also for person agreement and imperfective aspect. The verbal paradigm of Romance verbs contains *portmanteau* morphemes, marking agreement, tense, mood and aspect. How can we be so sure it is the tense that is anchoring, and not all of these features, or a subset of them? Non-finite verbs can be marked for aspect and agreement, which leaves tense or mood as possible anchoring categories in Romance. I will follow Ritter & Wiltschko (2014) here in that Tense is the substantive content of Infl in Indo-European, and leave the discussion about the relation of mood and finiteness to §6.

In the course of the derivation, the [coin] feature must be valued, otherwise the derivation will crash. Valuation can happen in several ways. In root finite clauses, the valuation happens through the morphological-marking of the category that is associated with INFL, tense in Romance. With non-finite forms (including subjunctive forms), there is no direct anchoring as in finite clauses. They are not deictically anchored (they lack absolute tense, cf. Comrie 1985:chap.

2) to the utterance situation, but anaphorically via the embedding predicate (relative tense, cf. Comrie 1985:chap. 3). This is reflected in the fact that they bear no m(orphological)-marking of tense (as in infinitives) or ‘fake’ tense marking, as with subjunctives. Even though subjunctives are morphologically marked for what is traditionally labelled a ‘tense’ (present and past in most Romance varieties, future as well in Portuguese and archaising Spanish; in French and Romanian only the present tense is employed but cf. Romanian and French below), their tense is not free. In fact, it depends on the tense of the matrix clause:

(75) *Voglio che tu vada /\*andassi via.*  
 want.1SG that you go.SBVJ.2SG /GO.SBVJ.IPFV.2SG away  
 ‘I want you to go away.’

(76) *Volevo che tu \*vada /andassi via.*  
 want.IPFV.1SG that you go.SBVJ.2SG /GO.SBVJ.IPFV.2SG away  
 ‘I wanted you to go away.’

(It.)

This is usually referred to as the Sequence-of-Tense (*consecutio temporum*) rule in Romance (cf. §6.1). A so-called ‘past’ subjunctive can refer to a present situation:

(77) *Non sapevo che tu fossi qui ora.*  
 NEG=knw.IPFV.1SG that you be.SUBJ.IPFV.2SG here now  
 ‘I did not know you are/would be here.’

(It.)

The past subjunctive does not force a past reading, not with respect to the moment of utterance, nor with respect to the matrix verb. There is agreement between tenses rather than a real deictic tense (Giorgi 2010:37). Other subjunctives, of the Balkan type, as found in Romanian, Salentino and southern Calabrian, do not even change morphological tense:

(78) *\*Ulia la Maria ku ffinu ddai mprima.*  
 want.1SG the Maria CU go.PST.3SG there before  
 ‘I want/wanted Maria to go there before.’

(Campi Salentina (LE), Calabrese 1992: 278)

Their present tense must be seen as a default marking. Similarly, in spoken French, the past subjunctive has fallen out of use and the present subjunctive is the default form (Smith 2016:306–7).

Even if it cannot be valued directly, the [coin] feature on the embedded Infl has to be valued. Instead of being anchored to the utterance event, its event situation is anchored to the event denoted by the matrix predicate (cf. Enç 1987). This happens through a process that Ritter & Wiltschko (2014) call *predicate valuation*. Like finite clauses, [coin] can have two values: [+coincidence] and [-coincidence]. This leads to the two types of infinitives that are found in English and Romance: simultaneous (79) and future/irrealis infinitives (80):

- (79) \**Ieri*        *Alessia* *ha*        *iniziato a cantare domani*.  
          yesterday *Alessia* have.3SG started to sing.INF tomorrow  
          ‘Yesterday Alessia started to sing tomorrow.’
- (80) *Ieri*        *Alessia* *ha*        *deciso di cantare domani*.  
          yesterday *Alessia* have.3SG decided to sing.INF tomorrow  
          ‘Yesterday Alessia decided to sing tomorrow.’

(It.)

Here, I will adopt the central idea of this proposal, but rather than in the IP, I argue that these distinctions originate in the C-domain<sup>5</sup> which interfaces with the clause above or with the speech act, or more specifically, in the position called *Fin* (cf. Rizzi 1997). The relevant features can be shared however with the I-domain (Chomsky 2004; Ouali 2008). Being *syntactically* finite is taken to mean that the clause is directly anchored to the speech act; non-finiteness arises when the predicate is anchored by the matrix event. The use of non-finite and less finite forms in root contexts will be left aside here and will be discussed in §8.4. Before going into the technical details of the proposed analysis, I will discuss first some other similar proposals of anchoring.

## 5.2 Other anchoring proposals

There are a series of analyses that have been proposed for finiteness, or related properties such as tense or nominative case licensing, which have all been linked to the idea of anchoring a clause to the speaker or to the speech act.

A similar idea of anchoring the clause to speech time has been proposed by Roussou (2001), who argues that finiteness is a complex notion, which “cannot simply translate to the presence of tense or agreement but is a correlate of tense and Agr (and mood), [...] and *Fin*, the position providing the anchoring point to the speech time” (Roussou 2001:81, emphasis mine). Finiteness

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<sup>5</sup> This differs from the COMP-valuation of INFL from Ritter & Wiltschko, which happens with modal anchoring for imperatives and counterfactuals.

is thus a property of the Fin head (in the C-domain) rather than Infl as proposed by Ritter & Wiltschko (2014); this Fin head interacts with the inflectional domain/TP. The finiteness of the complement is determined by the selected predicate.

Bianchi (2003) also connects finiteness to both person and tense anchoring. According to her analysis, “every clause is anchored to a Logophoric Centre: a speech or mental event, with its own participants and temporal coordinates, which constitutes the centre of deixis.” (Bianchi 2003:215). This logophoric centre is located in the Fin head, and can be external (the external speech event) or internal (all other speech or mental events, which can be encoded syntactically or given by the context). Nominative case marking and person agreement are dependent on the presence of the referential feature [R], which derives from an external logophoric centre; in case of [-R] the subject of a clause is necessarily interpreted as one of the participants in the internal logophoric centre. Bianchi (2003, *apud* Giorgi 2010:61) however argues that the subjunctive is finite, which seems not to be the case as the tense expressed by the subjunctive is not deictic but dependent on the matrix verb; second, there are restrictions on the interpretation of the subject (cf. the discussion in §5.1). Another problematic case for this view, as acknowledged by Bianchi (2001), is given by the personal and inflected infinitive, which are less finite and have dependent tense but allow nominative subjects and person agreement. Finally, in her view, nominative case assignment is connected to person agreement. However, in Romance we have cases of person agreement without case assignment (e.g. controlled/restructuring Balkan-style subjunctives) and nominative case without person agreement (personal infinitives).

Another example is the speaker projection proposed by Giorgi (2010) which encodes tense with respect to the moment of speech. This speaker projection is linked to the first person; she does not say anything explicitly about how this relates to the person interpretation of subjunctives and infinitives in general, which, as we have seen, is not referentially free.

Finally, the semantic analysis put forward by Klein (2006) is that finiteness links the topic (including time, space, world) to the content of the assertion (or what the discourse function of the sentence is). This is a role which is very similar to anchoring, in that finiteness connects the content of the question to the world of the speaker.

In conclusion, all these proposals boil down to the same idea of linking the event described in a proposition to the speech act or the here and now. The proposals differ with respect to the locus of the anchoring: INFL according to Ritter & Wiltschko (2014), Fin according to Roussou (2001) and Bianchi (2003) and the SpeakerP proposed by Giorgi (2010). However, the crucial intuition that finite clauses are linked directly, whereas non-finite clauses/subjunctives are linked through another clause, does not change (cf. also Usonienė & Vincent (2018:23): “non-finite forms lack the deictic properties that can anchor them to particular moments of utterance”). This is the idea that I will adopt here.

### 5.3 Anchoring of person and tense

As has been described in the previous chapters, embedded clauses (both subjunctives and infinitival clauses) depend on the matrix clause for interpretation of both tense and person/subject. My proposal is that anchoring takes place for *two* properties of the clause: person and tense.

#### 5.3.1 Tense anchoring

As discussed above, indicative main clauses are directly anchored for tense; the finite verb is marked for past, present or future, analytically or syncretically (Enç 1987). The interpretation of the predicate is deictic; it is directly linked to the speech act. This is commonly referred to as ‘absolute tense’: tenses which take the present moment as their deictic centre (Comrie 1985:36). The same holds for indicative complements to epistemic and declarative verbs, or adjuncts, which can take past, present and future complements independently of the main verb:

- (81) *Elisa ha detto che fece /fa /farà una torta.*

Elisa have.3SG said that make.PRET.3SG/make.3SG/make.FUT.3SG a cake

‘Elisa said that she made/makes/will make a cake.’

(It.)

- (82) *Platón dice/dijo que Aristóteles lee/leía/leerá a Sócrates.*

Plato say.3SG/say.PRET.3SG that Aristotle read.3SG/read.PST.3SG/read.FUT.3SG DOM

Sócrates.

Socrates

‘Plato says/said that Aristotle reads/read/will read Socrates.’

(Sp., Gallego 2010:198)

Not all Romance languages pattern like this, however: Romanian embedded present tense is not always interpreted deictically. Embedded indicatives in Romanian do not show the so-called DAR (double access reading, cf. Giorgi & Pianesi 1997), i.e. the embedded predicate does not need to be simultaneous both with respect to the matrix verb and the utterance time, but only with the former:

- (83) a. *(Acum 2 ani) Gianni a spus că Maria e însărcinată.*

now two years Gianni have.3SG said that Maria be.PRS.3SG pregnant

‘Two years ago Gianni said that Maria was pregnant.’

(Ro., Giorgi 2010:5)

b. #*Due anni fa Gianni ha detto che Maria è incinta.*

two years ago Gianni have.3SG said that Maria be.3SG pregnant

‘Two years ago Gianni said that Maria was pregnant.’

(It., Giorgi 2010:15)

In other Romance languages, such as Italian (83b), the use of the indicative is really odd in this specific context as the embedded sentence cannot be true anymore. The present tense in Romanian indicative complements reflects a present tense at the moment of saying; it is thus interpreted with respect to the matrix verb, and is thus not directly anchored. However, tense is syntactically free in that the embedded verb can take on past, present and future tenses although the morphology reflects the relation with the matrix tense.

In other embedded clauses, such as infinitival and subjunctive clauses, the embedded tense is interpreted as a relative tense to the matrix clause. Relative tense is tense for which “the reference point for a location of a situation is some point given by the context, not necessarily the present moment” (Comrie 1985:56). This is the case for infinitives (which lack indeed any morphological tense marking): they can be simultaneous or unrealised with respect to the matrix verb (Stowell 1982; Wurmbrand 2014), as seen in examples (79) and (80) above. The difference between finite and infinitival future is exactly that the former is deictic (i.e., the time of the embedded event must be after the utterance time), whereas infinitival future is relative; it needs to be after the reference time of the matrix verb but can be past with respect to the utterance time (Wurmbrand 2014:413). This is also true in subordinate clauses where there is morphological ‘tense’ marking, such as with the subjunctive, but this tense marking is ‘fake’ and the traditional labels are misleading (Giorgi 2010:31ff.; Ritter & Wiltschko 2014:1370). The tense agrees with the tense of the matrix clause (see also discussion in §6.1 below); even when referring to the future, a subjunctive complement selected by a verb in the past will show up as an imperfect subjunctive in Romance (cf. discussion above about the *consecutio temporum*). I will call this relative/dependent tense *restricted* tense, as it is restricted by the matrix clause but not completely simultaneous to it.

As discussed above (cf. §4.2.1), there are thus *three* types of tense in embedded contexts (Wurmbrand 2001; 2014; Landau 2003; Spyropoulos 2007; Grano 2015): independent, restricted and anaphoric tense. In the case of independent tense, the embedded tense is not restricted in any way by the matrix clause (as in indicative complements, cf. (87-9) above). A complement with restricted tense is a complement whose temporal interpretation is constrained by, but not identical to, the matrix clause, as is the case with subjunctives and future/irrealis control infinitives. Finally, anaphoric tense is when the tense of the embedded clause needs to be

interpreted as simultaneous to the matrix verb, which is the case with aspectual verbs, implicative verbs, modals, and raising verbs.

These are *syntactic/semantic* types of tense, which have to do with the possible interpretations of an embedded clause with respect to the matrix clause. This does not correspond to their *morphological* tense. Morphologically, tense can be expressed (indicatives, subjunctives) or not (infinitives). The distinction between these types of semantic tense cuts through the morphological division (cf. Landau 2004:838):

Table 5.1 Anchoring and morphological marking of Tense

	Morphologically tensed	Morphologically untensed
<b>Independent/Deictic tense [+/- coin]</b>	Indicative complements (84)	Infinitival complements to factives (85)
<b>Restricted tense [-coin]</b>	Subjunctive complements in Romance (86a)/Balkan-style subjunctives (86b)	Infinitival complements to desideratives (87)
<b>Anaphoric tense [+coin]</b>	Balkan-style subjunctives (88)	Infinitival complements to functional (89a) and raising verbs (89b)

- (84) *Laura ha detto che andò /va /andrà in Italia.*  
 Laura have.3SG said that go.PRET.3SG /go.PRS.3SG /go.FUT.3SG in Italy  
 ‘Laura has said that she went/goes/will go to Italy.’

(It.)

- (85) *O jornalista lamentou hoje na BBC terem os Americanos*  
 the journalist regret.PRET.3SG today at the BBC have.INF.3PL the Americans  
*bombardeado ontem à Iugoslavia.*  
 bombed yesterday at.the Yugoslavia.  
 ‘The journalist complained today at the BBC that the Americans have bombed Yugoslavia.’

(EuPt., Alexiadou & Anagnostopoulou 2002:27)

- (86) a. *Volevo che Eleonora \*venga /venisse a Bologna.*  
 want.IPFV.1SG that Eleonora come.PRS.SBJV.3SG /came.IPFV.SBJV.3SG to Bologna  
 ‘I wanted Eleonora to come to Bologna.’

(It.)

- b. *Am vrut să vină Radu mâine.*  
 have.1SG wanted SA come.SBJV.3SG Radu tomorrow  
 'I wanted Radu to come tomorrow.'

(Ro.)

- (87) *Ho deciso di partire domani.*  
 have.1SG decided of leave.INF tomorrow  
 'I have decided to leave tomorrow.'

(It.)

- (88) *Ana a început să lucreze (\*mâine).*  
 Ana have.3SG started SA works.SBJV.3SG tomorrow  
 'Ana has started to work (\*tomorrow).'

(Ro.)

- (89) a. *Ieri ho potuto riposarmi (\*oggi/\*domani/\*l'altro ieri).*  
 yesterday have.1SG been.able rest.INF=REFL today/tomorrow/the other day  
 'Yesterday I could rest (\*today/tomorrow/the other day).'
- b. *Gianni mi sembrò stare male (\*oggi/\*domani).*  
 Gianni to.me=seem.PRET.3SG stay.INF badly today/tomorrow  
 'Gianni seemed to be unwell (\*today/\*tomorrow).'

(It.)

There is thus no one-to-one mapping of the syntactic tense onto morphological structure in Romance. This is again a case of mismatch between types of finiteness: morphological marking does not indicate the level of temporal anchoring of a clause (and thus the level of finiteness of a clause).

### 5.3.2 Person anchoring

The second property of a clause that relates the event to the speech event is person. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> person are deictic notions that are interpreted based on the (participants of the) speech situation (cf. Bianchi's (2001; 2003) notion of a logophoric centre). Sigurðsson (2004), in fact, argues that person is parallel to tense in that both match or interpret event features (theta-features and E[vent] T[ime], respectively) in relation to speech features (theta-features and S[peech]T[ime]). This section will consider if there are different ways of anchoring person, similar to the three types of anchoring described for tense above.

Normally, person is directly anchored in main clauses and complements to certain predicates. There are no restrictions on how the subject can be interpreted:

- (90) *Gianni dice che lui stesso / Pietro ha vinto la gara.*  
 Gianni say.3SG that he himself /Pietro have.3SG won the race  
 'Gianni says that he won the race himself/Pietro won the race.'

(It.)

Similar to tense, in certain embedded contexts, the interpretation of subjects can be restricted by or anaphoric to the matrix clause.

One of these contexts is given by *control*, i.e. the phenomenon whereby the subject of a verb, typically an infinitive, is interpreted as coreferent with another NP in the context (the *controller*). Originally, two types of control were distinguished: obligatory control (OC) and non-obligatory control (NOC) (Williams 1980; Landau 2004). They differ in various ways, including the following in case of obligatory control, the presence of a controller is obligatory (91a); this controller must be c-commanding (91b); it must be local (next-clause-up) (91c); and under ellipsis, the complement gets a sloppy reading (91d) (cf. Hornstein 1999:73):

- (91) a. *Luca<sub>i</sub> inizia a PRO<sub>i/\*j</sub> cantare.*  
 Luca start.3SG to PRO sing.INF  
 'Luca starts to sing.'
- b. *[La sorella di Luca]<sub>j</sub> inizia a PRO<sub>\*i/j</sub> cantare.*  
 The sister of Luca start.3SG to PRO sing.INF  
 'Luca's sister starts to sing.'
- c. *Gianni<sub>i</sub> dice che Laura<sub>j</sub> inizia a PRO<sub>\*i/j</sub> cantare.*  
 Gianni say.3SG that Laura start.3SG to PRO sing.INF  
 'Gianni says that Laura starts to sing.'
- d. *Luca<sub>i</sub> inizia a cantare e Laura<sub>j</sub> pure [PRO<sub>\*i/j</sub> inizia a cantare].*  
 Luca start.3SG to sing.INF and Laura also [PRO start.3SG to sing.INF]  
 'Luca starts to sing and Laura also (starts to sing).'

(It.)

Cases of NOC do not exhibit any of these properties: the controller may be absent (92a), does not need to be c-commanding (92b), and gets a strict reading under ellipsis (92c):

- (92) a. *Gianni<sub>i</sub> disse a Luca<sub>j</sub> che PRO<sub>i/j/k</sub> risolvere il problema sarebbe difficile.*

Gianni say.PRET.3SG to Luca that PRO solve.INF the problem be.COND.3SG difficult  
 ‘Gianni has said to Luca that solving the problem would be difficult.’

- b. *[La sorella di Luca] disse che PRO<sub>i/j/k</sub> risolvere il problema sarebbe*  
 the sister of Luca say.PRET.3SG that PRO solve.INF the problem be.COND.3SG  
*stato difficile.*  
 been difficult

‘Luca’s sister said that solving the problem would be difficult.’

- c. *Gianni<sub>i</sub> disse a Luca<sub>j</sub> che PRO<sub>i/j/k</sub> risolvere il problema sarebbe*  
 Gianni say.PRET.3SG to Luca that PRO solve.INF the problem be.COND.3SG  
*stato difficile, e anche Laura [disse che PRO<sub>i/j/k</sub> risolvere il*  
 been difficult and also Laura say.PRET.3SG that PRO solve.INF the  
*problema sarebbe stato difficile.]*  
 problem be.COND.3SG been difficult]

‘Gianni said to Luca that solving the problem would be difficult, and so did Laura.’

(It.)

Landau (2000, 2004) argues for a subdivision within the OC group which correlates with a tense distinction. Some verbs allow so-called partial control, whereby an embedded subject is controlled by the matrix subject but the two can differ in number. Specifically, the controller can be singular but the embedded PRO can be semantically plural (as is shown by verbs which require a semantically plural subject):

(93) John wanted to meet at five.

This gives us in total three types of control: non-obligatory control, exhaustive obligatory control and partial obligatory control. The existence of partial control has been debated in the literature; not all languages seem to have it. Sheehan (2014) argues that instances of apparent partial control in Romance can actually be analysed as obligatory control with covert comitatives, which are licensed only in [+T] contexts. She bases her analysis on data from EuPt., Spanish, French and Italian. Partial control is however possible with inflected infinitives in Sardinian and Portuguese (Sheehan 2014; 2018; Groothuis 2016).

Finally, the subject of an embedded clause can also be obligatorily non-coreferent with the subject of the main clause. This is called *obviation* and is found with many subjunctive complements in Romance (cf. §6.1 below). An example is given in (94):

- (94) *O Manel<sub>i</sub> deseja que (ele<sub>\*i/j</sub>) leia mais livros.*  
 the Manel wish.3SG that he read.SBJV.3SG more books

‘Manel wishes that he reads more books.’

(EuPt, Raposo 1986:77)

Obviation can be seen as another way in which the person interpretation of an embedded clause is restricted by the main clause subject, although it is in some sense the opposite of control (Hornstein & San Martin 2013).

As with tense, we can thus distinguish three types of cases for the anchoring of person: anaphoric person (OC), restricted (PC/obviation) and independent (all other cases). Again, there is a mismatch between the morphological presence of  $\phi$ -features on the verb and the freedom of interpretation of the subject, as shown in the following table:

Table 5.2 Anchoring and morphological marking of Person

	Morphologically marked person	Morphologically unmarked for person
<b>Independent person</b>	Indicative complements (95)	Personal infinitive (96), NOC
<b>Restricted person</b> <b>[-coin]</b>	Subjunctive complements in Romance (97a), inflected infinitives (97b)	Infinitives with PC (98)
<b>Anaphoric person</b> <b>[+coin]</b>	Balkan-style subjunctives (99)	Infinitival complements to modals (100)/OC/raising

(95) *Due testimoni hanno dichiarato che sono/sei/è complice del furto.*  
 two witnesses have.3PL declared that be.1SG/be.2SG /be.3SG accomplice of.the theft  
 ‘Two testimonies declared that you/I/he/she were/was an accomplice in the theft.’

(It.)

(96) *Dos testigos declararon [ser tú/yo/él/ella cómplice del robo].*  
 two testimonies declare.PRET.3PL be.INF you.NOM/I.NOM/(s)he.NOM accomplice  
 of.the theft

‘Two testimonies declared that you/I/he/she were/was an accomplice in the theft.’

(Sp., Ambar & Jiménez-Fernández 2017)

(97) a. *En Jordi<sub>i</sub> ha decidit que pro<sub>\*i/j</sub> telefoni al Pere.*

the Jordi have.3SG decided that pro telephone.SBJV.3SG to.the Pere  
 'Jordi has decided that he call Pere.'

(Cat., Picallo 1984b: 279)

b. *Gianni<sub>i</sub> cheret a andaret pro<sub>i/j</sub> a domu.*

Gianni want.3SG to go.INF.3.SG to house  
 'Gianni want that he/she goes home.'

(Nuorese Srd.)

(98) *O João preferia reunir=se às 6.*

the João prefer.IPFV.3.SG meet.INF=REFL at.the six  
 'João preferred to meet at six.'

(EuPt., Sheehan 2014:18)

(99) *Rina<sub>i</sub> si=mentìu PRO<sub>i</sub>/\*pro<sub>j</sub>/\*Ntoniu m'i=lava.*

Rina REFL=put.PRET.3SG PRO<sub>i</sub>/pro<sub>j</sub>/ Antonio MU=them=wash.3SG  
 'Rina began to wash them.'

(SCal., Ledgeway 2007:n. 20)

(100) *Luigi inizia a PRO<sub>i</sub>/\*pro<sub>j</sub>/\*Antonio scrivere.*

Luigi begin.3SG to PRO<sub>i</sub>/pro<sub>j</sub>/ Antonio write.INF  
 'Luigi begins to write.'

(It.)

Subject raising is generally thought of as property of infinitives. However, there is ample empirical evidence that subject raising with restructuring verbs is also possible in (morphologically) finite contexts, namely in the case of the Balkan-style subjunctive (Terzi 1997; Roussou 2001; Landau 2004), as can be seen in example (99) above.

### 5.3.3 Finiteness as a combination of Tense and Person anchoring

If there are two properties that can be directly or indirectly anchored to the speech act, the question arises whether indirect anchoring for one implies indirect anchoring for the other. Could the person interpretation be deictic, but the tense interpretation anchored indirectly via a matrix clause, or vice versa? In that case, there would be more ways in which a clause can be (syntactically) non-finite. The answer to this question is affirmative. The different combinations are shown in the following table, which combines table 1 and 2:

Table 5.3 Anchoring of Tense and Person

<b>Anchoring</b>		<b><i>Indirectly anchored (predicate valuation) [-direct]</i></b>		<b><i>Deictically anchored [direct]</i></b>
		<b>Anaphoric tense [+coin]</b>	<b>Restricted tense [-coin]</b>	<b>Independent tense [+/-coin]</b>
<b><i>Indirectly anchored (predicate valuation) [-direct]</i></b>	<b>Anaphoric person [+coin]</b>	EC with infinitive and Balkan subj [PROTOTYPICAL NON-FINITE]	Controlled complements after 'promise', 'want'	Epistemic/declarative with infinitival complements
	<b>Restricted person [-coin]</b>		Subjunctive complements to desideratives	Subjunctive complements to factive verbs
<b><i>Deictically anchored [direct]</i></b>	<b>Independent person [+/-coin]</b>		Other subjunctives Personal and inflected infinitives	Indicative clauses [PROTOTYPICAL FINITE]

The semi-finite forms that we have discussed in previous chapters of this thesis seem to present a case of deictic person(-agreement) but no independently anchored (deictic) tense: inflected infinitives and Balkan-style subjunctives (in NOC contexts such as subject clauses and adjuncts). As we will see below in §7, their subject is free or in some cases restricted, and it can be coreferential with the matrix subject, but it does not have to be. Their tense however is determined or restricted by the matrix predicate.

The question arises whether the opposite is also possible: a case where the interpretation of person is restricted by or anaphoric to the matrix clause (cases of control/obviation) but the tense of the clause is dependent or referentially free. This is not attested within Romance. This indicates that there is a hierarchy between tense and person anchoring. Person anchoring seems to be related to tense anchoring in the sense that if tense is anaphoric, person is too. This follows from the Ritter & Wiltschko (2014) approach: in Indo-European, tense is the content that fleshes out INFL, not person, which interacts with it. Person is only a secondary anchoring mechanism which can only be restricted or independent if Tense is not completely anaphoric. In languages

with other primary anchoring mechanisms (e.g. location), we predict that if location is anaphoric, other anchoring mechanisms (e.g. person, tense) also need to be.

Under this approach, which interprets finiteness in terms of anchoring, finiteness regards the opposition between deictically anchored indicative vs anaphorically anchored subjunctives and non-finite forms, rather than morphologically finite and non-finite verbs. In fact, it will be shown in §6 that subjunctives are less finite. Morphological marking is not a reliable indicator for finiteness, as discussed above; there can be mismatches between syntactic finiteness (anchoring) and morphological finiteness (person and tense marking): a form can be finite morphologically but not syntactically (such as the Balkan-style subjunctive). There are also forms, which are syntactically finite but not marked as such morphologically, e.g. the narrative infinitive.

#### 5.4 Anchoring between C and T

If we assume that anchoring to the speech act or to the matrix clause is located in the C-domain, Fin could be the locus of this anchoring, as proposed by Roussou (2001) and Bianchi (2003). It is the lowest head within the C-domain which forms the connection between the C-domain and the I-domain where many finiteness distinctions are expressed. Rather than being marked for finiteness directly, Fin is marked for the anchoring of the two features: tense and person. There is indeed cross-linguistic evidence that tense and person distinctions can be marked within the C-domain (Adger 2007:34–6). Firstly, there are complementisers that mark person agreement in some Dutch dialects, such as West-Flemish and some Limburgian varieties (Haegeman & Van Koppen 2012; Van Koppen 2017):

(101) *Ik denk des doow Marie ontmoets.*

I think.1SG that.2SG you.SG Mary meets.2SG

‘I think that you will meet Mary’

(Limburgian, Van Koppen 2011 *apud* Zeijlstra 2012:531)

There are also complementisers that can mark tense, namely in Irish (Cottell 1995), as can be seen in the following minimal pair, where *gur* heads a past tense complement, and *go* a non-past tense complement:

(102)a. *Deir sé go dhógfaidh sé an peann.*

say.3SG he that take.FUT.3SG he the pen

‘He says that he will take the pen.’

b. *Deir sé gur thóg sé an peann.*

say.3SG he that.PST take.PST.3SG he the pen  
 'He says that he took the pen.'

(Irish, Adger 2007:34)

Romance complementisers located in Fin can also mark the degree of anchoring. Infinitival complements can be headed by reflexes of Latin AD and DE. Originally, AD expressed motion towards a goal and is hence frequently used in irrealis complements with inceptive and final value (Maiden 1995:207; Ledgeway 2016b:1015), whereas DE meant 'down from, about, concerning' (Maiden 1995: 207) and is therefore semantically more neutral. Thus, *à/a* vs *de/Ø* (cf. It. *convincere a/di* 'to convince to'; Fr. *aider à* 'to help to'/*encourager à* 'to encourage to' vs *avoir raison de* 'to be right to' etc.) typically marks the difference between a simultaneous and irrealis/future infinitive (Ledgeway 2016b:1015):<sup>6</sup>

- (103)a. *Mario ha convinto Paola a studiare linguistica.*  
 Mario have.3SG convinced Paola to study.INF linguistics  
 'Mario has convinced Paola to study linguistics.'
- b. *Mario ha convinto Paola di aver studiato linguistica.*  
 Mario have.3SG convinced Paola of have.INF studied linguistics  
 'Mario has convinced Paola that he has studied linguistics.'

(It.)

Similarly, Balkan *ca/că* vs *mu/ma/mi/cu/să* indicate the opposition between a deictic vs non-deictic tense. Indirect anchoring can thus be reflected in the choice of a non-finite complementiser (<AD/DE). *Que/che* complementisers on the other hand are ambiguous between deictic (indicative) and dependent (subjunctive) anchoring, and seem to correlate rather with the morphological expression of both tense and person.

This shows us that the C-domain can bear the relevant features. Suppose that these are features that originate in the C-domain (where they are anchored to the speech act or to the matrix clause), but that they can be DONATED or SHARED with the inflectional domain (Chomsky 2004; Ouali 2008). If anchoring features indeed originate in the C-domain, rather than in the IP, we expect that there can be finite clauses also in the absence of the IP. O'Neill (2015) provides us with such a case: amalgam copular sentences. She argues that they have no T but are definitely finite.

<sup>6</sup> There are nonetheless many exceptions to this general pattern. If a predicate subcategorises for a preposition, this will generally be the prepositional complementiser as well.

These are an example of how the relevant features are kept in the C-domain. An example of an amalgam copular sentence is given in (104):

(104) What she's doing is she's demonstrating the copular amalgam.

(O'Neill 2015:3)

These sentences do not have a I-domain (O'Neill 2015: 399ff.), but are directly anchored to the speech act.

In the same vein, we expect that in the absence of a C-domain, anchoring cannot take place and both person and tense are anaphoric. Reduced clauses such as restructuring complements are indeed all cases of simultaneous and OC complements. The correlation between finiteness and clause size will be further explored in §8.

## 6. Finiteness and mood

### 6.1 Subjunctives are less finite

Subjunctives pattern with infinitival complements, rather than indicative ones, in various ways. They show once more that there is a mismatch between syntactic and morphological finiteness. In this section, I will only consider the 'standard Romance' subjunctive and leave the discussion of the Balkan-style subjunctive to §7.2.

First, as discussed above, subjunctives lack independent tense reference (Picallo 1984b; Raposo 1986; Tsoulas 1996; Giorgi 2010:31ff.). Their tense interpretation is not necessarily coreferent with the matrix clause tense, but is limited by it. This is reminiscent of the interpretation of infinitivals (cf. §4.2 and §5.3.1). Consider the following representative examples, where the tense of the embedded verb is restricted by the tense of the matrix verb:

- (105) a. *Platón quiere que Aristóteles lee /\*leyera /\*leyere*  
 Plato want.3SG that Aristotle read.SBJV.3SG/read.PST.SBJV.3SG/read.FUT.SBJV.3SG  
*a Sócrates.*  
 DOM Socrates  
 'Plato wants that Aristotle reads/read/will read Socrates.'
- b. *Platón quería que Aristóteles \*lea /leyera /\*leyere*  
 Plato want.PST.3SG that Aristotle read.SBJV.3SG /read.PST.SBJV/read.FUT.SBJV  
*a Sócrates.*  
 DOM Socrates

'Plato wants that Aristotle reads/read/will read Socrates.'

(Sp., Gallego 2010:198)

- (106) a. *Desitja que porti /hagi portat /\*portés*  
 desire.3SG that bring.SBJV.3SG /have.SBJV.3SG brought /brought.SBVJ.PST.3SG  
*/\*hagués portat un llibre.*  
 /had.SBJV.3SG brought a book  
 'S/he wishes that s/he brings/has brought a book.'
- b. *Desitjà que \*porti /\*hagi portat /portés*  
 desire.PST.3SG that bring.SBJV.3SG /have.SBJV.3SG brought /brought.SBVJ.PST.3SG  
*/\*hagués portat un llibre.*  
 /had.SBJV.3SG brought a book  
 'S/he wished that s/he brought/had brought a book.'

(Cat., Picallo 1984b:87)

In all these examples, the tense of the embedded subjunctive verb is dependent on the matrix verb: if the matrix verb is in the past, so is the embedded verb; if the matrix verb is present (or future), the subjunctive is in the present tense as well (or optionally in the future tense, in Portuguese and archaising Spanish). This shows that the tense of the subjunctive clause is not directly anchored to the speech act but depends on the matrix clause (cf. Giorgi 2010:112).

The phenomenon of Sequence of Tense is not exceptionless; in some cases, both a present and a past subjunctive can be embedded under a past matrix verb:

- (107) a. *Ordené a Pedro que terminara el proyecto.*  
 order.PRET.1SG to Pedro that finish.SBJV.PST.3SG the project
- b. *Ordené a Pedro que termine el proyecto.*  
 order.PRET.1SG to Pedro that finish.SBJV.PRES.3SG the project  
 'I ordered Pedro to finish the project.'

(Sp., Kempchinsky 2009:1790)

- (108) a. *Gianni ha ipotizzato che Maria fosse incinta.*  
 Gianni have.3SG hypothesised that Maria be.SBJV.PST.3SG pregnant
- b. *Gianni ha ipotizzato che Maria sia incinta.*  
 Gianni have.3SG hypothesised that Maria be.SBJV.PRES.3SG pregnant  
 'Gianni has hypothesised that Maria was/is pregnant.'

(It., Giorgi 2010:41)

In both cases, the choice of the embedded tense leads to a change in meaning. In the first case, the choice of the present tense implies that Pedro has not yet finished the project. Similarly, in the second case, the use of the present tense (110b, 111b) instead of the past tense (110a, 111a) implies that Maria is also pregnant at the moment of speech (Double-Access Reading). These examples seem to indicate that the subjunctive tense morphology is not *always* purely an agreement marker with the tense in the matrix clause, but these are exceptional cases, which will be left aside here.

Second, subjunctives in most Romance languages trigger the so-called ‘disjoint reference effect’ (also known as ‘obviation’), i.e. the subject of the embedded subjunctive clause cannot be coreferent with the matrix subject:

- (109) *O Manel<sub>i</sub> deseja que (ele<sub>\*i/j</sub>) leia mais livros.*  
 the Manel wish.3SG that he read.SBJV.3SG more books  
 ‘Manel wishes that he reads more books.’

(EuPt, Raposo 1986:77)

- (110) *Jean<sub>i</sub> veut qu’il<sub>\*i/j</sub> aille à Paris.*  
 Jean want.3SG that=he go.SBJV.3SG to Paris  
 ‘Jean wants that he goes to Paris.’

(Fr., Progovac 1993:45)

- (111) *Laura<sub>i</sub> vuole che pro<sub>\*i/j</sub> prepari la cena.*  
 Laura want.3SG that pro prepare.SBJV.3SG the dinner  
 ‘Laura wants that s/he prepares dinner.’

(It.)

This effect is only found with subjunctive complements, not with indicative ones. There are thus restrictions on the interpretation of the subject of subjunctives which do not hold for indicative complements. We could say that the subjunctive complement is less finite, because the anchoring of the person of the embedded clause is restricted by the matrix person. Generally, the obviation effect is strongest with volitional verbs: there can be more variation with other subjunctive complements (Farkas 1991; Kempchinsky 1987; 2009).

In some Romance varieties, subjunctive subjects can be coreferent with the matrix subject as well, as can be seen in this Neapolitan example:<sup>7</sup>

(112) *Ciro<sub>i</sub> prummette che Ø<sub>i/\*j</sub>/isso<sub>i/\*j</sub> accatta 'e purtualle.*

Ciro promise.3SG that he buy.3SG the oranges

'Ciro promises to buy the oranges.'

(Nap., Ledgeway 2000:68)

Note that the verb form is not marked for subjunctive (the verbal morphology for the subjunctive is lost in most parts of southern Italy (Ledgeway & Lombardi 2014; Ledgeway 2016d)), only the complementiser *che* is. The subject is only obviative whenever it is overtly expressed.

The subject of the subjunctive can however be coreferent with the matrix clause object; obviation only holds for coreference between subjects, not for arguments more generally:

(113)a. *Ugo le dice di non fare la stronza.*

Ugo to.her=say.3SG of NEG do.INF the bitch

b. *Ugo le dice che non faccia la stronza.*

Ugo to.her= say.3SG that NEG do.SBJV.3SG the bitch

'Ugo told her not to behave as a bitch.'

(It., Ledgeway 2016:1014)

In these cases, the infinitival complement and the subjunctive complement are interchangeable. In both cases there is obligatory object control, as the embedded subject can only be understood as coinciding with the dative clitic *le*. More generally, subjunctives replace the infinitive in many uses in spoken Romance, especially in Ibero-Romance (Ledgeway 2016: 1015 n.3-4); the inflected infinitive is also regularly replaced by subjunctive (its historical source, cf. §6.1).

We can conclude that the interpretation of the subject of a subjunctive clause is thus not always free, but often subject to restrictions of dissimilarity, or less frequently, similarity. This is again more similar to infinitival complements, whose subjects can be limited (in the sense that they are obligatorily coreferential) by the matrix clause arguments. On the other hand, the subject of indicative complements and main clauses is always free.

Subjunctive verbs pattern very similarly to infinitives also in terms of verb movement, as has been shown in the literature (Ledgeway & Lombardi 2014:37; 2015:202–13; Schifano 2018)

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<sup>7</sup> Romanian subjunctives, as has been described extensively in the literature (Farkas 1991; Dobrovie-Sorin 1994), do not show the disjunct reference effect. See §7.2 for discussion of the Balkan-style subjunctive.

and the previous chapter of this dissertation. Unlike finite verbs, which display a wide range of variation in terms of the position they target within the I-domain, subjunctive and infinitival forms consistently target a high position across Romance:

(114)a. *O Pedro disse que a Maria (\*conhece) já conhece esta história.*  
 the Pedro say.PRET.3SG that the Mary know.3SG already know.3SG this story  
 'Mary already knows this story.'

b. *Eu quero que a Maria leia já (\*leia) este livro.*  
 I want.1SG that the Mary read.SBJV.3SG already read.SBJV.3SG this book  
 'I want Maria to read this book now.'

(EuPt, Schifano 2018:98)

(115)a. *Durant les classes d'història, Joan (dorm) sempre dorm.*  
 during the classes of history Joan sleep.3SG always sleep.3SG  
 'During the history classes, Joan always sleeps.'

b. *Joan vol que la seva dona prepare sempre (\*prepare) les postres.*  
 Joan want.3SG that the his wife prepare.SBJV.3SG always prepare.SBJV.3SG the desserts  
 'Joan wants his wife to always prepare the desserts.'

(VCat, Schifano 2018:100)

As shown in these examples, the subjunctive forms move higher than the corresponding indicative forms; this is similar to the infinitive (cf. chapter 4). French and Romanian are an exception in this case – the subjunctive patterns exactly like the indicative, as both move very high:

(116)a. *Jean a dit que le jardinier coupe généralement (\*coupe) les arbustes.*  
 Jean have.3SG said that the gardener cuts.3SG generally cut.3SG the bushes  
 'Jean has said that the gardener usually cuts the bushes.'

b. *Je veux que le jardinier coupe généralement (\*coupe) les arbustes.*  
 I want.1SG that the gardener cut.SBJV.3SG generally cut.SBJV.3SG the bushes  
 'I want the gardener to usually cut the bushes.'

(Fr, Schifano 2018:96)

(117)a. *Mi-a spus că soția sa pregătește întotdeauna (pregătește) desertul.*

to.me=have.3SG said that wife his prepare.3SG always prepares dessert.DET  
 'He told me that his wife always prepares the dessert.'

- b. *Ion vrea ca soția sa să pregătească întotdeauna (\*#să pregătească)*  
 Ion want.3SG that wife his SA prepare.SBJV.3SG always  
*desertul.*  
 dessert.DET  
 'Ion wants his wife to always prepare the dessert.'

(Ro., Schifano 2018:273–4)

The French subjunctive is probably not different from that of other Romance languages; but in French, indicative verb movement targets a high position in general so there is no noticeable difference in verb movement of the subjunctive. In Romanian, although the preferred order is for the verb to move high, this is the only option in the subjunctive whereas the order Adv-V is possible in the indicative.

A further property that sets subjunctives and infinitives apart from indicatives is C(omplementiser)-drop, which is only possible with subjunctives and Aux-to-Comp infinitives and gerunds (Poletto 2001; Ledgeway 2016b; Schifano 2018):

- (118) *Credo (che) abbia già parlato con te.*  
 believe.1SG that have.SBJV.3SG already talked with you  
 'I believe that he has already talked to you.'

(It., Poletto 2001:267)

- (119) *Mario afferma non essere lui in grado di affrontare la situazione.*  
 Mario declare.3SG NEG be.INF he in degree of face.INF the situation  
 'Mario declares that he is not able to face the situation.'

(It., Rizzi 1982:79–80)

Another syntactic property that subjunctives share with infinitives is that a subjunctive complement is less opaque than an indicative complement. This can be seen for instance with NPI licensing and binding properties. NPIs need to be licensed by the presence of a negator in Romance. This negator has to be local and the licensing cannot take place across a clause-boundary. However, across the boundary of subjunctive clauses it can, showing that these are more transparent:

- (120) *No creo que Pedro haya /\*ha traído nada.*  
 NEG think.1SG that Pedro have.SBJV.3SG /have.IND.3SG brought nothing

'I do not think that Pedro has brought anything.'

(Sp., Uribe-Etxebarria 1996:309)

(121)a. \**Non dico che tu arresti nessuno.*

NEG say.1SG that you arrest.2SG nobody

b. *Non pretendo che tu arresti nessuno.*

NEG require.1SG that you.SG arrest.SBJV.2SG nobody

'I do not require you to arrest anybody.'

(It., Rizzi 1982:124)

(122)a. \**No crec que ve ningú.*

NEG think.1SG that come.3SG nobody

'I do not think anybody comes.'

(Cat., Picallo 1984b:96)

b. *No vull que tu parlis amb ningú.*

NEG want.1SG that you.SG speak.SBJV with nobody

'I do not want you to speak with anybody.'

(Cat., Picallo 1984b:97)

A similar opacity effect is attested with morphologically simple reflexives (Giorgi 1984:198; Progovac 1993); binding of *proprio* 'own' can happen in subjunctive but not indicative clauses:

(123) *Gianni<sub>i</sub> suppone [che tu sia innamorato della propria<sub>i</sub> moglie].*

Gianni suppose.3SG that you.SG be.SBJV.2SG in.love of.the own wife

'Gianni supposes that you are in love with his own wife.'

(It., Giorgi 1984 *apud* Progovac 1993:40)

(124) \**Gianni<sub>i</sub> mi ha detto che tu sei innamorato della propria<sub>i</sub>*

Gianni to.me=have.3SG told that you.SG be.2SG in.love of.the own

*moglie.*

wife

'Gianni has told me that you are in love with his own wife.'

(It., Giorgi 1984 *apud* Progovac 1993:40)

Similarly, in French, *soi* 'him/herself' can refer back to the matrix subject only in subjunctive complements, as in (125a), but not in indicative complements (125b):

- (125)a. *On<sub>i</sub> ne souhaite jamais que les gens ne regardent que soi<sub>i</sub>.*  
 one NEG wish.3SG never that the people NEG look.at.SBVJ.3PL than REFL  
 'One never wishes that people look only at oneself.'
- b. *\*On<sub>i</sub> ne dit jamais que les gens disent du mal de soi<sub>i</sub>.*  
 one NEG say.3SG never that the people say.PL of.the bad of REFL  
 'One never says that people slander oneself.'

(Fr., Pica 1985 *apud* Progovac 1993:40)

With respect to extraction phenomena, subjunctives also pattern like infinitives, rather than indicatives, as observed by Chomsky (1986, see also Tsoulas 1996). As can be seen in the following examples from French, *wh*-elements other than subjects can be extracted from an embedded *wh*-clause only when the clause is non-finite or subjunctive, but not with the indicative. This contrast is another indication that the transparency for syntactic operations typical for non-finite clauses includes subjunctives as well.

- (126)a. *\*Que te demandes-tu à qui Sophie a donné?*  
 what REFL=wonder.2SG=you.SG to whom Sophie have.3SG given  
 'What do you wonder to whom Sophie has given?'
- b. *\*Á qui te demandes-tu ce que Sophie a donné?*  
 to whom REFL=wonder.2SG=you.SG what that Sophie have.3SG given  
 'To whom do you wonder what Sophie has given?'

(Fr. Tsoulas 1996:298)

- (127)a. *Que te demandes-tu à qui donner?*  
 what REFL=wonder.2SG=you.SG to whom give.INF  
 'What do you wonder to give to whom?'
- b. *Á qui te demandes-tu quoi donner?*  
 to whom REFL=wonder.2SG=you.SG what give.INF  
 'Who whom do you wonder what to give?'

(Fr. Tsoulas 1996:298)

- (128)a. *Que te demandes-tu qui a voulu que Sophie voie?*  
 what<sub>i</sub> REFL=wonder.2SG=you.SG who<sub>j</sub> have.3SG wanted that Sophie see.SBJV.3SG  
 'Who do you wonder has wanted that Sophie sees what?'
- b. *Que te demandes-tu qui a exigé que Sophie écrive?*  
 what<sub>i</sub> REFL=wonder.2SG=you.SG who<sub>j</sub> have.3SG required that Sophie writes.SBJV.3SG  
 'Who do you wonder that has required that Sophie wrote what?'

(Fr. Tsoulas 1996:299)

Similarly, adverb and quantifier raising in French can occur from subjunctive and infinitival clauses, but not from indicative clauses:

- (129)a. *Il aurait mieux voulu se comporter.*  
 he have.COND.3SG better wanted REFL=behave.INF  
 'He would have wanted to behave himself better.'
- b. *Il faut très bien que tu te comportes.*  
 It be.necessary.3SG very well that you.SG REFL=behave.SBJV.2SG  
 'It is necessary that you behave very well.'

(Fr., Cinque 2006:102)

- (130)a. *Marie a tous voulu les lire.*  
 Marie have.3SG all wanted them=read.INF  
 'Marie wanted to read all.'
- b. *Elle n'aurait rien osé dire.*  
 she NEG= have.COND.3SG nothing dared say.INF  
 'She would not have dared to say anything.'
- c. *Il faut tous que Jean les lise.*  
 it be.necessary.3SG all that Jean them=read.SBJV.3SG  
 'It is necessary for Jean to read them all.'
- d. *Je veux tout que tu leur enlèves.*  
 I want.1SG all that you.SG to.them=take.away.SBJV.2SG  
 'I want that you take everything away from them.'

(Fr., Cinque 2006:100, 103)

It has been proposed that adverb and quantifier raising should be seen as restructuring phenomena in French, a language that only very marginally shows clitic climbing and other transparency effects typically attested with restructuring. However, Cinque (2006:103–7) shows that both phenomena are also found with subjunctives, as in (129b, 130cd), which is another piece of evidence that subjunctives and infinitives share many properties.

Finally, on a semantic/pragmatic level, subjunctives pattern with infinitives. When used in matrix context, subjunctives have a special discourse function; they lack a truth value (Progovac 1993). Rather than asserting (cf. §2.3), they express wishes or commands:

- (131)a. *Comprem eles o livro!*

buy.SBJV.3PL they the book

'That they buy the book! And can study!'

b. *(Que) venham as chuvas!*

that come.3.PL.SBJV the rains

'May the rain come!'

(EuPt., (Ambar & Jiménez-Fernández 2017:3)

(132)a. *Si accomodi, per favore.*

REFL=accommodate.SBJV.3SG please

'Sit down, please.'

b. *(Che) la forza sia con te.*

that the force be.SBJV.3SG with you

'May the force be with you.'

c. *Non l'avessi mai fatto!*

NEG it=had.SBJV.1SG never done

'I wish I had never done it!'

(It.)

This makes them very similar to non-finite forms used in matrix contexts:

(133)a. *Non andare là!*

not go.INF there

'Don't go there!'

b. *Io, andarci da sola?!*

I go.INF=LOC of alone

'Me, going there on my own?!'

(It.)

We can therefore conclude that subjunctive complements are less finite than indicative complements (cf. Vincent 1998; Barron 2000:5). The relevant distinction is thus not morphologically finite vs non-finite forms, but deictically vs indirectly anchored, i.e. indicative vs subjunctives and infinitives. Tsoulas (1996) similarly proposes that the distinction between clausal definiteness/indefiniteness, where subjunctives and infinitives are considered indefinite because they do not refer to a single precise temporal point, should replace the traditional finite vs non-finite distinction. This temporal indefiniteness is parallel to indefinite DPs, which do not

have a precise referent. The next section will investigate why subjunctives should behave like non-finite clauses, and what the relationship between finiteness and mood is.

## 6.2 Finiteness as mood

The question which remains is about the role of mood in anchoring. If subjunctives are to be seen as non-finite/less finite, what is the relation between mood and finiteness? Is non-finiteness a mood or is non-finiteness absence of mood (Vincent 1996)? Crucially, there seem to be no non-finite forms which are marked for mood (Vincent 1996; Noonan 2007; Nikolaeva 2010:1177).

As Nikolaeva (2010: 1185) notes, “complements of cognitive predicates are canonically more finite than complements of volitional and some other predicates. This is because the former introduce an independent world (existential temporal anchoring) and the latter introduce a set of worlds (intensional anchoring).” It seems to be common to all non-indicative clauses to be not directly anchored, including the optative, subjunctive and imperative. They are all anchored to another world (cf. Kempchinsky 2009) which is not (yet) realised.

Historically, the functional position between T and C has been referred to as MP, where M stands for Mood (cf. e.g. Roussou 2000:73). This shows us that the two are actually two sides of the same coin; i.e. both are not directly anchored to the speech event but indirectly, via another event or via a parallel possible world.

So, if non-finite and modally marked forms show many similarities, it is due to their indirect anchoring which they have in common, although they are not anchored in the same way: non-finite forms are anchored through another clause; modally marked forms are anchored to another world which differs from the world the speech act takes place in. The locus of this anchoring is Fin.

## 7. ‘Semi-finite’ forms

In the preceding chapters of this thesis, we have informally considered ‘semi-finite’ forms such as inflected infinitives, personal infinitives and the Balkan-style subjunctives, which replace many uses of the infinitives. In this section, we will review their properties once more to see how they fit into the approach to finiteness sketched above.

### 7.1 Inflected and personal infinitives

Comparing the personal and inflected infinitives with other forms regarding the anchoring of tense and person, we see that their tense is dependent but their person is usually free.

Starting with tense, it can be noted that the inflected infinitives usually appear in embedded clauses with dependent tense, such as complements to volitionals<sup>8</sup> (134), factive complements (135), subject clauses, and adjuncts:

- (134) *Non keljo a bi=venneres tue.*  
 NEG want.1SG to LOC=come.INF.2.SG you.SG  
 'I do not want you to come there.'

(Srd., Jones 1993: 279)

- (135) *O jornalista lamentou hoje na BBC terem os Americanos  
 the journalist regret.PRET.3SG today at the BBC have.INF.3PL the Americans  
 bombardeado ontem à Iugoslavia.  
 bombarded yesterday at.the Yugoslavia.  
 'The journalist complained today at the BBC that the Americans have bombarded  
 Yugoslavia.'*

(EuPt., Alexiadou & Anagnostopoulou 2002:27)

- (136) *Não é óbvio passarmos no exame.*  
 NEG be.3SG obvious pass.INF.1.PL in.the exam  
 'It is not obvious that we pass the exam.'

(BrPt., Da Luz 1998:9)

- (137) *Fixérono para traballaren ledos.*  
 do.PST.3PL=it for work.INF.3.PL happy  
 'They did this to work happily.'

(Gal., Longa 1994:28)

Personal infinitives on the other hand mostly appear in unselected clauses such as adjuncts (138) and more rarely in subject clauses (139):

- (138)a. *Després d'arribar nosaltres, va començar la reunió.*  
 after of arrive.INF we go.3SG start.INF the meeting  
 'After we arrived, the meeting started.'

(Cat., Institut d'Estudis Catalans 2016:1296–7)

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<sup>8</sup> This use is not allowed in European Portuguese.

- b. *Primme de succedere chesto, ha ditto che fa cose de pазze!*  
 before of happen.INF this, have.3SG said that do.3SG things of crazy  
 'Before this happens, he said he'll get up to wild things!'

(Nap., Ledgeway 2000:116)

- (139)a. *Cummena a num benire tu*  
 be.better.3SG of NEG come.INF you.SG  
 'It is better for you not to come.'

(Nap., Ledgeway 2000:117)

- b. *Menjar ara nosaltres no seria mala idea.*  
 eat.INF now we NEG be.COND.3SG bad idea  
 'It would not be a bad idea for us to eat now.'

(Cat., Wheeler, Yates & Dols 1999:399)

Italian Aux-to-Comp and Portuguese inflected infinitives can be selected by declarative and epistemic verbs, which like in English, pose aspectual restrictions on their complement. No episodic interpretation is possible with bare infinitives, only habitual; other options are perfective auxiliaries or statives:

- (140) *O Manel pensa terem os amigos levado o livro.*  
 the Manel thinks have.INF.3.PL the friends taken the book  
 'Manel thinks that his friends have taken the book.'

(EuPt., Raposo 1987:98)

- (141) *Suppongo non esser la situazione suscettibile di ulteriori miglioramenti.*  
 suppose.1SG NEG be.INF the situation sensitive of further improvements  
 'I suppose that the situation is not sensitive to further improvements.'

(It., Rizzi 1982:79–80)

Their tense is however not restricted. Similarly, the interpretation of person is completely free.

Moving on to person anchoring, it can be noted that there are different anchoring possibilities. Personal and inflected infinitives typically appear in NOC contexts, which makes the interpretation of person free. According to Pires (2006:92–5), inflected infinitives show all the properties of NOC listed by Hornstein (1999):

- (142)a. *Os nossos<sub>j</sub> pais lamentam pro<sub>j</sub> chegarmos tarde.*

the our parents regret.3PL pro arrive.INF.1.PL late

'Our parents regret our arriving late.'

b. *O Paulo lamenta pro<sub>k</sub> termos perdido e a Silvia também.*

the Paulo regret.3SG pro have.INF.1.PL lost and the Silvia as.well

(=*lamentamos nós termos perdido*).

regrets we.NOM have.INF.1.PL lost

'Paulo regrets our losing and Silvia does too.'

c. *Eu<sub>j</sub> convenci a Maria<sub>k</sub> a viajarmos<sub>j+k</sub> com o Paulo.*

I convince.PRET.1SG the Maria to travel.INF.1.PL with the Paulo

'I convinced the Maria that we should travel with Paulo.'

(BrPt., Pires 2006:93–95)

However, in certain cases, the interpretation of person is restricted with inflected infinitives. Contrary to what is often said in the literature, they can also appear in OC contexts, as shown by Sheehan (2013; 2018) and Groothuis (2016):

(143) *O Pedro prometeu à Ana reunirem=se em Braga.*

the Pedro promise.PRET.3SG to.the Ana meet.INF.3.PL=REFL in Braga

'Pedro promised Ana to meet in Braga.'

(EuPt., Sheehan 2013:3)

(144) *Su professore at cumbintu sos istudiantes a impararen sa limba*

the professor have.3SG convinced the students to learn.INF.3.PL the language

*sarda.*

Sardinian

'The professor has convinced the students to learn Sardinian.'

(Srd.)

Paradoxically, there is also an obviation effect both in the Portuguese (although there is a lot of intraspeaker variation, cf. Sitaridou 2007:193n.1) and Sardinian inflected infinitive:

(145) *%Os deputados lamentam estarem sempre a perder os documentos.*

the deputies regret.3PL be.INF.3PL always to lose.INF the documents

'The deputies regret always losing their documents.'

(EuPt., Sitaridou 2007:193n.1)

(146) *Gianni<sub>i</sub> cheret a andaret pro\*<sub>i/j</sub> a domu.*

Gianni want.3SG to go.INF.3.SG to house

‘Gianni want that he/she goes home.’

(Srd.)

Historically, inflected infinitives derive from the Latin imperfect subjunctive in Portuguese, Galician and Sardinian (Pittau 1972; Jones 1993; Martins 2001; Pires 2002; 2006; Pisano 2008). The obviation effect can be considered as a property that the inflected infinitive has kept during the reanalysis of the imperfect subjunctive to the inflected infinitive. Thus, with respect to person anchoring, two levels are attested with the inflected infinitive: control/obviation and referentially free.

In terms of opacity, inflected infinitives are less transparent than uninflected infinitives: raising out of an inflected infinitive is disallowed.

(147) a. *Parecia as estrelas sorrirem.*

seems.3SG the stars smile.INF.3.PL

‘It seems that the stars smile.’

b. *As estrelas pareciam sorrir(\*em).*

the stars seem.3PL smile.INF.3.PL

‘The stars seem to smile.’

(EuPt., Quicoli 1996: 62)

In sum, the inflected infinitive is in many cases as finite as a subjunctive when we look at anchoring, even though the morphological marking and the non-finite complementisers seem to indicate otherwise.

## 7.2 Balkan-style subjunctives

Generally, subjunctive forms have traditionally been considered ‘finite’, given the presence of agreement morphology on the verb. This also includes the Balkan-style subjunctive. However, since it has been shown above that subjunctives are less finite than infinitives, we can wonder whether they would still qualify as finite under the present approach. In this section, we will briefly review the main anchoring and opacity properties of the Balkan-style subjunctives to determine their degree of finiteness.

Balkan-style subjunctives are characterised by the obligatory use of the present tense form (often identical to the present indicative, except for the 3<sup>rd</sup> person in Romanian, as well as the forms of *a fi* ‘to be’; similarly, some central-southern Salentino varieties have traces of subjunctive

forms) and the absence of SOT effects. Past forms are banned in the subjunctive complement, even if the matrix verb is a past form, as shown in the following Salentino examples:

(148)a. *Oyyu la Maria ku bbae ddai mprima.*

want.1SG the Maria CU come.3SG there before

'I want Maria to go there before.'

b. *\*Ulia la Maria ku ffinu ddai mprima.*

want.IPFV.1SG the Maria CU go.PST.3SG there before

'I wanted Maria to go there before.'

(Sal., Campi Salentina (LE), Calabrese 1992:278)

This morphological present tense does not reflect the temporal interpretation of the clause, as can be seen in (148). Syntactically, the embedded tense is dependent just like with non-finite forms such as the subjunctive and the infinitive. Two of the embedded tenses described in §4.3.1 are found: anaphoric tense and the future/irrealis tense. The first tense is found with exhaustive control verbs, including modals and aspectuals; the latter is found with other control verbs:

(149) *Ana a început să lucreze (\*mâine).*

Ana have.3SG started SA works.SBJV.3SG tomorrow

'Ana has started to work (\*tomorrow).'

(Ro.)

(150) *Ieri am decis să lucrez (mâine).*

yesterday have.1SG decided SA work.SBJV.1SG tomorrow

'I have decided to work (tomorrow).'

(Ro.)

Tense is thus always indirectly anchored: it is simultaneous or dependent on the matrix tense. Therefore, the Balkan-style subjunctive is less finite than a canonical, directly anchored form.

With regard to person anchoring, we need to make a distinction between F(ree)-subjunctives and C(ontrol)-subjunctives as proposed by Landau (2004:827). The C-subjunctives are those whose subject is controlled by the subject of the main clause; these are cases of exhaustive local subject control. C-subjunctives are selected by functional verbs, such as modals and aspectuals, which take a infinitival VP as their complement and raise the subject, as in (149) and (151), and implicatives.

(151) *Rina<sub>i</sub> si=mentiu PRO<sub>i</sub>/\*pro<sub>j</sub>/\*Ntoniu m'i=lava.*

Rina REFL=put.PRET.3SG PRO<sub>i</sub>/pro<sub>j</sub>/ Antonio MU=them=wash.3SG

'Rina began to wash them.'

(SCal., Ledgeway 2007:n. 20)

With F-subjunctives, the interpretation of the subject is free: the subject can co-refer with the subject but it does not have to. A sentence like the one in (152) is ambiguous between a coreferential and non-referential reading:<sup>9</sup>

(152) *Ion vrea să vină la Bucuresti (el/Ana).*

Ion want.3SG SA come.SBJV.3SG to Bucarest he/Ana

'Ion wants to come/that Ana comes to Bucarest.'

(Ro.)

There is thus no disjoint subject reference effect with Balkan-style subjunctives in most varieties.<sup>10</sup>

However, some implicative verbs which display OC in most Romance languages, can have a complement with a non-coreferential subject in Romanian (Cotfas 2014; 2016b):

(153) a. *Încerc să nu treacă o zi fără să fac sport.*

try.1SG S A NEG pass.SBJV.3SG a day without SA do.SBJV.1SG sport

'I try to not let a day pass without doing sports.'

(via Google 06/09/18)

b. *Am reușit ca în ziua de 25 septembrie, 11.500 de voluntari*

have.1SG managed that in day.DET of 25 September 11.500 of volunteers

*să strângă peste 25.000 de saci de gunoi.*

SA collect.SBJV.3PL over 25.000 of bags of litter

'I have succeeded that on the 25<sup>th</sup> of September, 11,500 volunteers should collect over 25,000 bags of litter.'

(Ro., Cotfas 2014:43)

<sup>9</sup> Alexiadou et al. (2010) suggest that the obviation is triggered whenever *ca* is present (i.e. when the left periphery is activated), but my speakers still allow both readings in these contexts. Cf. also example (166) below.

<sup>10</sup> In some Messinese varieties (Sicily), the *mi*-clause (Balkan-style subjunctive) does show the obviation effect; in cases of coreference, the canonical Romance infinitive is used (De Angelis 2017:139).

According to Landau, the division into C- and F-subjunctives is the same as the division into simultaneous and irrealis/future subjunctives. Indeed, when used with a different subject, tense mismatches are marginally possible:

- (154) ?*Încerc azi să veniți mâine dimineața la control.*<sup>11</sup>  
 try.1SG today SA come.SBJV.2PL tomorrow morning to control  
 ≈ 'I will try to make you a check-up appointment for tomorrow morning.'

(Ro.)

These verbs therefore do not constitute an exception to the classification proposed by Landau (2004).

Given the division into two classes for both temporal and referential properties, we can say that there are thus two types of subjunctives with different degrees of finiteness but which do not show any difference in morphological marking, showing once more that morphological marking is not a reliable indication of the level of finiteness.

Balkan-style subjunctives share a property with infinitives which is not attested with subjunctives in other Romance varieties<sup>12</sup>, namely the fact that they allow subject raising. Consider the following examples from Romanian:

- (155) a. *S-a nimerit ca toți băieții să fie bolnavi.*  
 REFL=have.3SG happened that all boys.DET SA be.SBVJ3.PL sick  
 'It happened that all the boys are/were sick.'
- b. *Toți băieții s-au nimerit să fie bolnavi.*  
 all boys.DET REFL=have.3PL happened SA be.SBVJ3.PL sick  
 'All the boys happened to be sick.'

(Ro., Grosu & Horvath 1984:351)

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<sup>11</sup> This sentence could also be interpreted as an ellipsis:

- (i) *Încerc azi (să văd ce pot face) să veniți mâine la control.*  
 try.1SG today (SA see.1SG what can.1SG do.INF) SA come.SBJV.2PL tomorrow to control  
 'I try today what I can do so that you can come tomorrow to a checkup.'

(Ro.)

<sup>12</sup> Hyperraising is also attested in BrPt:

- (i) *As crianças parecem que gostam da babá.*  
 the children seem.3PL that like.3PL of.the babysitter  
 the children seem that like of.the babysitter

(BrPt., Fernández-Salgueiro 2008:302)

This phenomenon is called hyperraising. It consists of the raising of the subject out of a ‘finite’/tensed complement, because the Balkan-style subjunctive is often considered a finite verb form given the presence of overt subject agreement on the embedded verb. Raising is traditionally thought not to be possible out of [+Tense] or [+Agr] complements. However, the data from Romanian above feature raising out of a clause with an agreeing verb. A raising verb such as *a se nimeri* ‘to happen’ selects a subjunctive complement. The raising of the subject is optional: the subject can occur both in the embedded clause (155a) or as in the matrix clause (155b). In the latter case, the subject agrees in person and number both with the matrix and the embedded verb.

Another property that the Balkan-style subjunctive shares with a subset of infinitives (i.e. restructuring infinitives) is clitic climbing, even if not all varieties allow it. Clitic climbing is found in northern Salentino in cases of *cu* drop (156). It is also attested in (colloquial) Romanian, although it is not accepted by all speakers (157). In Calabrian, on the other hand, clitic climbing is only possible when the lower copy of the clitic is also spelled out (158). This double spell-out is very frequent in spoken Romanian as well (cf. 157b):

(156) *Lu voli ssapi.*

it=want.3SG know.3SG

‘He wants to know it.’

(Mesagne (BR), Ledgeway 2015:149)

(157)a. *Pe care o vrei să citești?*

DOM which it=want.2SG SA you.read.SBJV.2SG

‘Which do you want to read?’

b. *Le e teamă că o vreau s-o abandonez.*

to.them be.3SG fear that her=want.1SG SA=her leave.SBJV.1SG

‘They are afraid that I want to leave her.’

c. *Îi continui să mănânci.*

them=continue.2SG SA eat.SBJV.2SG

‘You continue to eat them.’

d. *Inima aproape îi încetează să bată.*

heart.DET almost him=stop.3SG SA beat.SBJV.3SG

‘His heart almost stopped beating.’

(Ro., Ledgeway 2016b:8)

(158)a. *(U) provu m’u fazzu.*

it=try.1SG MU=it do.1SG

b. *(U) pozzu m’u fazzu.*

- it=can.1SG MU=it do.1SG  
 c. *\*(U) decida m'u fazzu.*  
 it=decide.1SG MU=it do.1SG

(SCal., Bova Marina (RC))

Clitic climbing can only take place with (a subset of) C-subjunctives, and never with the F-subjunctives (Ledgeway 2016b).

In sum, this section has discussed how the subjunctive in Romanian, Salentino and Calabrian is not a homogenous category but has to be broken down into two types which differ in their degree of finiteness because they differ in their level of anchoring. C-subjunctives show obligatory control and anaphoric tense, whereas F-subjunctives have dependent tense and independent person. C-subjunctives are therefore equivalent to OC infinitives in other Romance languages, even though the presence of agreement morphology seems to indicate otherwise. F-subjunctives are more properly 'semi-finite', occupying an intermediate position between C-subjunctives and indicative complements.

## 8. Finiteness and clause size

Given the scalar nature of the notion of finiteness as discussed above, it is reasonable to expect that there are several ways in which non-finiteness or "less-finiteness" arises. Furthermore, there can be cross-linguistic variation in the locus of the features related to anchoring of both tense and person, which can but need not be morphologically expressed, complicating the picture of different degrees of finiteness. This section will discuss how the different levels of finiteness are the result of the presence or absence of functional heads in the clause, as well as what (morphosyntactic) features these can bear. A certain sequence of functional heads (including T and/or C) can be completely absent, leading to non-finiteness, or the clause can have the relevant C- and/or T-heads, which however are specified for indirect anchoring (Adger 2007:26–7), leading to semi-finiteness. We predict therefore that a reduction of functional structure will lead to a reduction of finiteness, as argued by Givón (1990), as well as Ledgeway (2007:363), who argues that there is an "iconic relationship between full semantic clausal autonomy and a matching full array of accessible functional projections. Attrition in the former is commensurately mirrored by a reduction in the latter". However, the reverse does not hold: a full clausal structure will not imply full finiteness, as the Fin head can anchor a clause both to the speech event and to a higher clause.

In fact, our conclusion from chapter 2 was that there is no absolute cross-linguistic correlation between finiteness and clause size, as both the non-finite complementisers AD and DE, as well as *mu* and *cu*, head different types of clauses.<sup>13</sup> They can lexicalise positions within the verbal domain (vP), the inflectional domain (IP) or the complementiser domain (CP), depending on the matrix verb that selects them. When a functional verb selects the infinitival or subjunctive complement, the infinitive or subjunctive verb will be lower than that functional projection. The less finite complementisers AD, DE, *mu* and *cu* are heads in the v-domain when subcategorised by root modals and lower aspectual predicates, whereas they encode a T-related head when subcategorised by epistemic/alethic modals, temporal and higher aspectual predicates, and finally, they lexicalise a C-related head when subcategorised by lexical control predicates (Ledgeway 2000:161ff.; 2013:fn.6; 2015a:157; 2016b:1014–15; Cinque 2004:165; Tortora 2014:147–8; Taylor 2014; Squillaci 2016:160–2). This is exemplified for Standard Italian in (159) and for southern Calabrian in (160):

(159)a. *Dichiarò* [<sub>CP</sub> *di* [<sub>TP</sub> *essersi* [<sub>VP</sub> *innamorato*]]].

declare.PRET.3SG of be.INF=REFL fallen.in.love

‘He declared that he had fallen in love.’

b. *Cercai* [<sub>IP</sub> *di non* [<sub>VP</sub> *sbagliare strada*]].

try.PRET.1SG of NEG err.INF street

‘I tried not to take the wrong road.’

c. *Lo finimmo* [<sub>VP</sub> *di mangiare*]

it=finish.PRET.1PL of eat.INF

‘We finished eating it.’

(It.)

(160)a. *Speramu* [<sub>CP</sub> *armenu u focu nomm’u ddumanu stasira*].

wish.1PL at.least the fire NEG=MU=it light.3PL tonight

‘Let’s hope that they don’t light the bonfire at least tonight.’

(Squillaci 2016:163)

b. *Cercu sempri* [<sub>IP</sub> *nommi fumu*].

try.1SG always NEG=MU smoke.1SG

‘I always try not to smoke.’

c. *Finiscinu* [<sub>VP</sub> *m’u mbivinu*].

<sup>13</sup> See for similar conclusions Cyrino & Sheehan (to appear), who show that causative and perception verbs select phasal vP complements in English, but TP in Brazilian Portuguese.

it=finish.3PL MU=it drink.3PL

'They finish drinking it.'

(SCal., Bova Marina (RC))

Thus, infinitives and Balkan-style subjunctives do not represent one structure. Instead, their structure depends on the matrix verb selecting the complement: when selected by a control verb such as *ammettere*, the complement is a CP; with restructuring verbs such as *provare a* 'try' or *finire di* 'finish', the complement is reduced and consists of a TP or *v*/VP respectively. The exception here, as seen in chapter 2, is Romanian: complements headed by (*ca ..*) *să* are always CPs. There are thus several ways in which a clause can be less or non-finite.

### 8.1 *v*/VP-sized complements

As discussed in §2.2 above, in case of restructuring, a functional verb is directly inserted into the I-domain in a functional head and a lexical infinitive into the V-domain (Cinque 2004; 2006). This is a necessarily monoclausal structure: the 'embedded' infinitival verb does not constitute a clause on its own. All cases of exhaustive subject control can be analysed as cases of restructuring where the 'control' verb is nothing more than a functional verb directly merged into the I-domain and taking a lexical verb in the VP as its complement (Cinque 2004; 2006; Grano 2015).

The fact that the infinitive does not constitute a clause on its own readily explains the obligatory anaphoric nature of both Tense and Person and the absence of (in)dependent anchoring. The lexical infinitive simply lacks a separate anchoring point (viz. Fin) and is therefore obligatorily anaphoric to the functional verb. Similarly, these functional verbs act like raising verbs as they do not assign theta-roles to their subject but agree with and raise the infinitival subject.<sup>14</sup> The subject of the functional verb is the raised subject of the lexical verb.

Restructuring not only happens with morphologically 'non-finite' verbs such as infinitives, but is also found with Balkan-style subjunctives. In case of Calabrian *mu* clauses and Salentino *cu* clauses,<sup>15</sup> the structure is arguably still monoclausal. This is shown by transparency effects (the possibility of clitic climbing or doubling, the licensing of NPIs etc.), as discussed in chapter 2. What distinguishes these subjunctives from the infinitive is the morphological realisation of agreement on the lower verb. We can therefore posit the presence of two  $\phi$ -probes in the clause, one in the T-domain, yielding agreement on the functional verb, and one in the V-domain, leading to morphological agreement with the subject on the lower verb. Note however that both probes

<sup>14</sup> They can still be subject-oriented, see Grano (2015:chap. 3) for discussion, which makes them look like control verbs in the sense that they seem to impose restrictions on the possible subject (unlike classical raising verbs).

<sup>15</sup> Romanian *să*-clauses are FinPs, cf. chapter 2. See section 8.3 for discussion of these.

agree with the same argument, viz. the subject; they cannot probe on their own but the  $\phi$ -features are copied down from the higher probe. I assume here, following Ouali (2008), that the C-head DONATES the  $\phi$ -features to T which in turn SHARES them with a lower head in the V-domain, leading to morphological agreement on both the restructuring and lexical verb.

The complements to restructuring verbs constitute the extreme case of non-finiteness because they do not head a separate clause with a functional domain, but share the functional structure with the restructuring verb. They are not anchored for Tense or Person separately from the matrix verb but they share the relevant features. The apparent complementisers introducing the lexical verb in these contexts have to be located in the V- or low I-domain, and are definitely not C-elements (although they may derive historically from C-related elements, cf. discussion in chapter 3). They can be phasal, however, depending on whether the verb is transitive or not. This will not influence the finiteness of the clause.

## 8.2 TP-sized complements

Certain types of (higher) functional verbs, i.e. *provare a* ‘try to’ and higher alethic modals, select complements that are bigger than just vPs. However, being restructuring verbs, they still select for simultaneous and exhaustive subject control (which is the result of subject raising). Their derivation is thus parallel to the cases described above in §8.1. Lacking a Fin head which anchors the event, the lower verb will have the same tense and subject interpretation (and the  $t(-ense)$  and  $\phi$ -features) of the functional verb. However, since these complements have more functional structure, they can embed negation as well:

(161) *Cercai*      [<sub>TP</sub> *di non* [<sub>VP</sub> *sbagliare strada*]].

try.PRET.1SG    of NEG    err.INF      street

‘I tried not to take the wrong road.’

(It.)

Raising verbs are verbs that lack theta-roles but which take a clausal complement with reduced functional structure; the embedded subject thus raises to the matrix subject position for case reasons. Although their complements are reduced, they have more structure than restructuring infinitives; they allow for past tense auxiliaries and negation:

(162) *Gianni sembra*    *non aver capito niente.*

Gianni seem.3SG    NEG    have.INF understood nothing

‘Gianni seems not to have understood anything.’

(It.)

In the absence of a perfective auxiliary, the tense of raising complements is however necessarily simultaneous to the matrix verb.

Unlike control verbs, however, infinitival complements to raising verbs do not have a left periphery (Rizzi 1997:309); compare the raising use of *sembrare* 'seem' in (163) with the control use in (164):

(163) \*?Gianni sembra il tuo libro, conoscerlo bene.

Gianni seem.3SG the your book, know.INF=it well

'Gianni seems to know your book well.'

(164) Mi sembra, il tuo libro, di PRO conoscerlo bene.

to.me= seem.3SG the your book of PRO know.INF=it well

'I think I know your book well.'

(It., Rizzi 1997:309)

Generally, no complementisers are used with raising verbs, which has led people to assume that there is no CP, and thus no higher phase head (Kayne 1984; Watanabe 1996: 26ff.; Rizzi 1997; but cf. Rooryck 2000 who argues for a CP analysis of raising complements). This would explain why A-movement out of the infinitival complement is possible. In fact, in Italian the difference between the raising use of *sembrare* 'seem' and the control verb *sembrare* 'seem' is marked by the absence and presence of the complementiser *di*, which is only present in the case of the control interpretation (164) but is necessarily absent in the raising construction (163). Furthermore, the absence of the C-head(s) explains the absence of independent tense features and  $\phi$ -features and thus the absence of inflection and forced simultaneous tense. The embedded subject moves to the main clause for case. Complements to raising verbs are thus less finite because of the lack of the C-domain, which leads to anaphoric tense and person. However, the presence of functional structure allows for perfective auxiliaries.

In Romanian, raising complements do not seem to be reduced but to be full CPs with a left periphery that can be activated:

(165)a. Toți băieții s-au nimerit (\*că) să fie bolnavi.

all boys=DET REFL=have.3PL happened that SA be.SBJV.3PL sick

'All the boys happened to be sick.'

b. S-a nimerit că toți băieții să fie bolnavi.

REFL=have.3SG happened that all boys=DET SA be.SBVJ.3PL sick

'It happened that all the boys are/were sick.'

(Ro., Grosu &amp; Horvath 1984:351)

- (166) *Toți băieții s-au nimerit ca fix la cursul meu să  
 all boys.DET REFL= have happened that exactly at course.DET mine SA  
 fie bolnavi.  
 be.SBJV.3SG ill  
 ‘All the boys happened to be sick exactly at my course.’*

(Ro.)

This confirms our conclusion from chapter 2 that *să*-clauses are CPs with *să* appearing in Fin. They do not however block A-movement, as they are defective phases, showing [indirect] anchoring. They will be discussed in the next section.

### 8.3 CPs/full clauses

Whereas the absence of the C- and/or T-domain implies a lesser degree of finiteness and thus a greater degree of dependency for anchoring of person and tense, the reverse does not hold. A full structure including the C-domain does not imply that the clause will be fully finite. Instead, the feature specification of the relevant functional heads can lead to indirect anchoring of person or tense and thus to a lesser degree of finiteness.

For clarity, let us start with fully finite root sentences. These project a fully-fledged C-domain (in case of activation of the left periphery) or a syncretic C (in case of no discourse-related movement to the left periphery (Rizzi 1997:314)). The Fin-head links both tense and person directly to the speech act (an external logophoric centre, in Bianchi’s (2003) terms) and the relevant features, namely *t*(ense)-features and  $\phi$ -features are DONATED to the T-domain, where they are morphologically expressed on the verb. Similarly, indicative complements are directly anchored in their Fin head but they are selected by a higher predicate. In this case, as in matrix clauses, *t*(ense)-features and  $\phi$ -features are DONATED to the T-head. The complementiser *che* is ambiguous with respect to (in)direct anchoring and expresses a mere subordination relation. In the varieties with a specific indicative complementiser (Ro. *că*, SIDs *ca/chî*), the complementiser marks direct anchoring.

There are different types of fully clausal complements, which can be classified based on their level of factivity and assertivity (Kiparsky & Kiparsky 1968; Hooper & Thompson 1973). This correlates with different sizes of complementisers in nanosyntactic approaches (Baunaz 2015; Baunaz & Lander 2018) or the heaviness of the phasal edge (Sheehan & Hinzen 2011), which results in different degrees of opacity. Some of these complements (factives, semi-factives, cf.

167a) are islands whereas others are not (167b) (Sheehan & Hinzen 2011; Baunaz 2015; Baunaz & Lander 2018):

- (167)a. *\*Comment est-ce que Jean se rappelle que Jules prend la photo?*  
 how be.3SG=it that Jean REFL=remember.3SG that Jules take.3SG the picture  
 'How is it that Jean remembers Jules takes a picture?'  
 b. *Comment est-ce que Paul dit/prétend que Roger a gagné le tournoi?*  
 how be.3SG=it that Paul say/claim that Roger have.3SG won the  
 tournoi?  
 tournament  
 'How does Paul say/claim that Roger has won the tournament?'  
 (Fr., Baunaz 2015:198,200)

There is furthermore a difference in whether they can display root phenomena such as topicalisation (Hooper & Thompson 1973; Sheehan & Hinzen 2011). Some of these indicative complements are thus more embedded than others in that they disallow root transformations. This has no influence however on the anchoring of person and tense, which is completely independent in all cases, and thus it does not interfere with levels of finiteness under the present approach.

A potential problem for the proposed analysis is that certain finite complements also present some dependency effects. First, indicative clauses can show sequence of tense effects (Zagona 1990; Stowell 1993; cited in Ambar 2017), but, as argued by Ambar (2017: 139), these restrictions are less strong than with subjunctives or other less finite verbs. Second, embedded indicatives can show a phenomenon similar to obviation when the embedded subject is expressed with a pronoun in a pro-drop language:

- (168) *Gianni<sub>i</sub> dice che lui<sub>i/j</sub> parte.*  
 Gianni say.3SG that he leaves  
 'Gianni says that he leaves.'  
 (It.)

- (169) *Jim andrà se (\*lui) si sentirà bene.*  
 Jim go.FUT.3SG if he RELF=feel.FUT well  
 'Jim will go if he will feel well.'  
 (It., Frascarelli 2007:695)

However, this seems part of a broader discourse effect that is also found between two finite clauses (Frascarelli 2007); the use of an overt pronoun in pro-drop languages is usually employed for topic-shift and this is not an effect of the embedding of the indicative complement. Second, the coreferential reading, although maybe not preferred, is not impossible. I conclude therefore that this is not strictly obviation but a broader discourse-related effect, which is not caused by indirect anchoring of Person.

With regards to indirectly anchored but clausal complements, we note that also here there are many different types, including ‘standard’ subjunctives, Balkan-style subjunctives and infinitival complements. The derivations of each of these types with relevant features will now briefly be discussed.

Lexical control verbs select for infinitival clausal complements, which present all three domains: C-, I- and v-related heads. As discussed above, many control verbs have a dependent tense, namely a future/irrealis tense. This has been taken as proof of the presence of the T-head (Stowell 1982), or of the *woll* modal (Wurmbrand 2014). Further evidence for the presence of functional structure above the vP is that these complements can be independently negated:

(170) *Decido di (non) andare.*

decide.1SG of NEG go.INF

‘I decide not to go.’

(It.)

That they include a C-domain as well is evidenced by the potential activation of the left periphery where both topics (171) and foci (172) can appear:

(171)a. *Ritengo, a Gianni, di potergli parlare.*

believe.1SG to Gianni, of be.able.INF=to.him speak.INF

‘Gianni, I think I can speak to him.’

b. *Gianni pensa, il tuo libro, di conoscerlo bene.*

Gianni think.3SG the your book of know.INF=it well

‘Gianni thinks he knows it well, your book.’

(It., Rizzi 1997:309-10)

(172)a. *Giulia decidə ‘e servi o VVINU RUSSƏ, nu chillu ianchə.*

Giulia decide.3SG of serve.INF the wine red NEG that white

b. *ʔGiulia decidə o VVINU RUSSƏ ‘e servi, nu chillu ianche.*

Giulia decide.3SG the wine red of serve.INF NEG that white

‘Giulia decides to serve the red wine, not the white one.’

- c. *O VVINU RUSSƏ Giulia a decis 'e servi, nu chillu ianchə.*  
 the wine red Giulia have.3SG decided of serve.INF NEG that white  
 'Giulia decides to serve the red wine, not the white one.'

(SIDs, Airola (BN))

The C-domain contains the anchoring to the matrix predicate in terms of person ([indirect: -coin] obviation and partial control) as well as Tense ([indirect: -coin] future-oriented, limited by the matrix event). This indirect anchoring is expressed on Fin in the morphological form of the complementiser (AD, DE). There are no  $\phi$ -features phonologically realised but a subject<sup>16</sup> is licensed, necessarily including (but not only) the matrix subject. Furthermore, the tense features, although not morphologically expressed, are donated from C to T. They are valued through Fin, the locus of the anchoring to the matrix clause via predicate valuation.

Moving on to 'standard Romance' subjunctives, I adopt the view that these also project up to the C-domain. However, like control infinitives, they form a defective phase and are characterised by dependent Tense or Person anchoring. Unlike control complements, subjunctive complements are equipped with a set of morphologically expressed  $\phi$ -features. However, this does not make them a complete phase as it is still tense-defective (Gallego 2007; Ambar 2018). Their person anchoring is restricted by the matrix clause in a different way than with control infinitives because rather than a need to include the matrix subject, they have a restriction on their subject as *not* including the matrix subject. The fact that predicate valuation for both tense and person anchoring can take place, shows that the subjunctive CPs are weak/defective phases (Gallego 2015:27). If they were strong phases, they would not be accessible to the matrix anchoring head (Fin), which is located two phases ( $v$  and C) higher than the embedded Fin. The status of subjunctives as weak phases accounts for the various transparency effects found with subjunctive complements which are not found with indicative complements (cf. §6.1).

The complementiser *che* is located in the C-domain (Fin/Force, depending on the variety, see discussion below). This same position (Fin) is also targeted by verb movement of subjunctives in case of complementiser-drop (Poletto 2001), as can be seen in (173), where the HAS adverb has to follow the verb:

- (173) *Credo (\*sicuramente) lo faccia sicuramente.*  
 believe.1SG surely it=do.SBJV.3SG surely  
 'I believe that he will surely do it.'

<sup>16</sup> The embedded subject can be analysed both as PRO or a copy of the moved DP (Hornstein 1999; Boeckx, Hornstein & Nunes 2010), an issue that will be left aside here.

(It.)

Complementiser-drop is only possible with a modally marked clauses, with the verb in the subjunctive, future or conditional (Giorgi & Pianesi 1996:152, Poletto 2001).

Within CPs there is also a difference as to whether the left periphery is activated or whether there is a syncretic  $C_{force-fin}$  (Giorgi & Pianesi 1996; Rizzi 1997:314). With regards to the activation of the left periphery, Gallego (2010:202-3) notes that topicalisation and focus fronting is readily available in Spanish main and embedded indicative clauses (174a, 175a), but not with subjunctives (174b; 175b). Similar results are reported for Cosentino subjunctives, which do not allow hanging topics (177a), scene-setting adverbs (177b), CLLD (177c), or foci (177d) in their left periphery, in contrast with indicative complements (176):

- (174)a. *Aristóteles creía que, en cuanto a la Tragedia, debía*  
 Aristotle believe.IPFV.3SG that as how.much to the Tragedy must.IPFV.3SG  
*haber tres unidades.*  
 have.INF three units  
 'Aristotle thought that, as far Tragedy was concerned, there must be three units.'
- b. *\*Aristóteles quería que, en cuanto a la Tragedia, hubiera*  
 Aristotle want.IPFV.3SG that, as how.much to the Tragedy have.SBJV.IPFV.3SG  
*tres unidades*  
 three units  
 'Aristotle wanted that, as far as Tragedy was concerned, there would be there units.'
- (Sp., Gallego 2010:203)

- (175)a. *Juan dijo que muchas cosas había visto!*  
 Juan say.PRET.3SG that many things have.IPFV.3SG seen  
 'Juan said that many things he had seen!'
- b. *\*Juan quería que muchas cosas viera!*  
 Juan want.IPFV.3SG that many things see.SBJV.PST.3SG  
 'Juan wanted to see many things!'
- (Sp., Gallego 2010:203)

- (176)a. *Dicia ca Mariu unn'u parra cchiù nullu.*  
 say.3SG that Mariu not him=speak.3SG no.more nobody  
 'He says that Mario, nobody talks to him anymore.'

- b. *Dicia ca doppu 'a guerra papà unn'era cchiù 'u stessu.*

say.3SG that after the war dad NEG be.IPFV.3SG more the same

'He says that after the war dad was not the same anymore.'

c. *Dicia ca 'e mulingiane unn' 'e vo cchiù.*

say.3SG that the aubergines NEG them want.3SG more

'He says that he does not want anymore aubergines.'

d. *Dicia ca CICIU sgarra (nun Micheluzzu).*

say.3SG that Ciciu err.3SG NEG Micheluzzu

'He says that Ciciu is making a mistake, not Micheluzzu.'

(Cos., Ledgeway & Lombardi 2014:42)

(177)a. *\*Vuogliu ca Mariu unn'u parra cchiù nullu.*

want.1SG that Mario NEG=him talk.3SG more nobody

'I want that Mario, nobody talks to him anymore.'

b. *\*Vuonnu ca doppu a festa mangiamu.*

want.3PL that after the party eat.1PL

'They want for us to eat after the party.'

c. *\*Vulissa ca 'u canciellu u cunzassaru.*

want.COND.1SG that the fence it=fix.SBJV.IPFV.3PL

'I would like that they fix the fence.'

d. *\*Vulia ca NA BELLA SAGNA priparassa (nun nu purpettune).*

want.IPFV.1SG that a nice lasagne prepare.SBJV.PST.3SG NEG a meatloaf

'I wanted that he prepared a nice lasagne, not a meatloaf.'

(Cos., Ledgeway & Lombardi 2014:42)

The same data are replicated for Mussomelese (Ledgeway & Lombardi 2014:43). These data show that even in the absence of a specific dedicated complementiser for irrealis/subjunctive complements, there is a difference in the availability of the left periphery between realis and irrealis clauses.

Some other varieties, however, do allow CLLD in subjunctive complements. Witness the following Italian example:

(178) *Vorrei che il giorno, Ugo non l'avesse sbagliato.*

want.COND.1SG that the day Ugo NEG it=have.SBJV.IPFV.3SG mistaken

'I would like Ugo to not haven got the day wrong.'

(It., Ledgeway 2016b:1013)

Kempchinsky (2008, cited in (Ambar & Jiménez-Fernández 2014) maintains that CLLD is allowed in subjunctive complements, unlike contrastive focus fronting or hanging topics. This would mean that the availability of the left periphery is still reduced in some way. The exact realisation (syncretic or not) of the subjunctive C is thus subject to variation across Romance.

For the Balkan-style subjunctive, we need to make a distinction between Salentino and southern Calabrian on the one hand, as they vary in size, and Romanian on the other, which are consistently CPs. In Salentino and southern Calabrian, subjunctives that are CPs can be analysed very similarly to the ‘standard Romance’ subjunctives and lexical control infinitives. They have a Fin head, marked for [indirect: -coin] tense. The main difference with both the lexical control infinitives and the standard Romance subjunctives is the absence of a restriction on the possible subject, as we do not find the obviation effect. Their anchoring of Person is thus [deictic]. Finally, differently from the standard Romance subjunctive, the Balkan-style subjunctive allows the activation of the left periphery in all varieties studied.

As concluded in chapter 2, Romanian subjunctives are always CPs, and do not differ in size as their Calabrian and Salentino counterparts do, even when they are selected by the functional verbs that are restructuring verbs in other Romance languages. However, although formally restructuring does not occur, the results in terms of anchoring are the same as in other Romance languages when they are selected by functional verbs: there is obligatorily simultaneous tense and obligatory coreference between matrix and embedded subjects. Here, I assume that *să* in this case is a Fin head with the anchoring specified as [indirect: +coin] for Tense and [indirect: +coin] for Person due to selection by a functional verb. Conversely, when selected by a lexical verb, Romanian subjunctives are anchored indirectly for Tense but directly for Person, like the CP-sized subjunctives in southern Calabrian and Salentino.

#### 8.4 Non-embedded less finite forms

As discussed above, less finite forms can also be used as main clauses. There are two main types, namely the modal uses of such forms (subjunctives and infinitives) and a declarative/assertive use. The latter is the case with so-called narrative infinitives, which head a declarative, often past tense, clause. Their use is limited to written, formal registers. An example is given in (179), repeated from (7):

(179) *Marie est venue et Jean de partir.*

Marie be.3SG come and Jean of leave.INF

‘Marie has come and Jean has left.’

(Fr., Nikolaeva 2007b:153)

In this case, neither person nor tense is expressed morphologically, but the information can be retrieved from the context. A nominative subject can however be licensed, which indicates the direct anchoring of person. The tense interpretation is usually past.

Non-finite forms used in main clauses to express modal meanings are much more frequent in Romance. Often they are used to express wishes, commands or exclamations:

- (180) a. *Comprem eles o livro!*  
 buy.SBJV.3PL they the book  
 'That they buy the book! And can study!'
- b. *(Que) venham as chuvas!*  
 that come.3.PL.SBJV the rains  
 'May the rain come!'

(EuPt, Ambar & Jiménez-Fernández 2017:3)

- (181) a. *Si accomodi, per favore.*  
 REFL=settle.SBJV.3SG please  
 'Sit down, please.'
- b. *(Che) la forza sia con te.*  
 that the force be.SBJV.3SG with you  
 'May the force be with you.'
- c. *Non l'avessi mai fatto!*  
 NEG it=had.SBJV.1SG never done  
 'I wish I had never done it!'

(It.)

- (182) a. *Non andare là!*  
 NEG go.INF there  
 'Don't go there!'
- b. *Io, andarci da sola?!*  
 I go.INF=LOC of alone  
 'Me, going there on my own?!'

(It.)

All these uses have in common that the event is not realised; they express *irrealis* values. The event is thus not anchored directly to the real world, but through a modal operator anchored to a (set of) alternative world(s). This modal operator has been assumed to be located in Fin; in modally

marked uses, Fin contains an anchoring point to a hypothetical world. The Fin head is optionally endowed with morphologically expressed  $\phi$ -features, and morphological tense features in case of a subjunctive. These morphological features are absent in infinitives (with the exception of inflected infinitives, which bear only  $\phi$ -features).

In most cases, the verb is interpreted as unrealised (future). However, the wish can also be expressed with respect to the past (181c). In this case, the result is a counterfactual interpretation, as the event is not only unrealised, but cannot be realised anymore either. Tense is thus deictic (allowing future and past interpretation, interpreted with respect to the moment of speech). Person, as well, seems to be directly anchored: a 1<sup>st</sup> person is interpreted as the speaker, whereas a 2<sup>nd</sup> person is interpreted as the Addressee, and there are no restrictions on the possible subjects. Obviation or control is not attested in root contexts.

Although both indicative and subjunctive main clauses feature deictic anchoring, this special modal use of non-finite forms in main clauses differs from indicative main clauses in terms of to which world the event is anchored, the real or imagined world.

## 9. Conclusion

In this chapter, it has been argued on the basis of Romance data that finiteness is not a linguistic primitive, but has different manifestations at various levels of the grammar. Morphologically, finiteness cannot be defined cross-linguistically. Syntactically, finiteness manifests itself in the presence of an overt lexical subject, in independent tense, and in the opacity of the clause. Semantically, a finite clause is autonomous and possesses an illocutionary force. It has been shown that there are many mismatches between these levels, in the sense that morphological marking is not a reliable indicator for syntactic or semantic finiteness. A purely morphological definition therefore needs to be rejected.

The central proposal of this chapter has been that finiteness has to be interpreted as anchoring of Tense and Person. These two properties can be anchored directly or indirectly. Being syntactically finite is taken to mean that the clause is directly anchored to the speech act; non-finiteness or less-finiteness arises when the anchoring takes place via predicate valuation, viz. the clause is anchored through the matrix clause. In the latter case there are two further options: indirectly anchored clauses can be anaphoric to another clause, or restricted in their interpretation by another clause. The combination of these degrees leads to a scalar view of (non-)finiteness. Syntactic finiteness has consequences for possible interpretations in terms of tense and the person of the subject; the anchoring properties of the head Fin thus have semantic effects.

Rather than in the IP, I argue that these distinctions originate in the C-domain, which interfaces with the clause above or with the speech act, or more specifically, in the position called

*Fin* (cf. Rizzi 1997), which interfaces with the I-domain. Whenever the C-domain is absent, there is no independent anchoring available. The relevant features can be shared however with the I-domain (Chomsky 2004; Ouali 2008).

Table 5.4 Degrees of finiteness

Anchoring		Indirectly anchored (predicate valuation) [-direct]	Deictically anchored [direct]	
		<b>Anaphoric tense [+coin]</b>	<b>Restricted tense [-coin]</b>	<b>Independent tense [+/-coin]</b>
Indirectly anchored (predicate valuation) [-direct]	<b>Anaphoric person [+coin]</b>	EC with infinitive and Balkan subj [PROTOTYPICAL NON-FINITE]	Controlled complements after 'promise', 'want'	Epistemic/declarative with infinitival complements
	<b>Restricted person [-coin]</b>		Subjunctive complements to desideratives	Subjunctive complements to factive verbs
Deictically anchored [direct]	<b>Independent person [+/-coin]</b>		Other subjunctives Personal and inflected infinitives	Indicative clauses [PROTOTYPICAL FINITE]

It has been shown that subjunctives, inflected infinitives and Balkan-style subjunctives occupy an intermediate position on the scale of finiteness. Modal forms are less finite than indicative ones. In fact, it has been proposed that non-finiteness and mood are two sides of the same coin (Vincent 1998). Non-finite and subjunctive events have in common that they are not directly anchored to the speech act, but anchored indirectly or to another possible world.

Elaborating further the conclusions of chapter 2, I have argued that there is no one-to-one correspondence between clause size and finiteness. A reduced clause will automatically be less-finite but a full clause can be less- or non-finite. Similarly, there seems to be no absolute correspondence between phasality and finiteness. Less-finite CPs are non-phasal, as they need to remain accessible to the matrix predicate for predicate valuation. However, the phasality of a *vP*-sized complement does not seem to influence the finiteness of the complement.

Finally, it should be noted that there is no direct relation between finiteness and embedding. Although non-finite/lesser finite forms typically occur in embedded contexts, they can also occur in root contexts, albeit with a specific modal reading. Conversely, finite clauses can be embedded. There is only a one-way implication in terms of finiteness and clause size. Reduced clauses will result in a reduced degree of finiteness/direct anchoring but the opposite is not true: a clause can have all three domains (C-, T- and v/V-domain) but still be indirectly anchored and thus not completely finite.

## 6. Conclusions

Finiteness has traditionally been defined as a binary opposition between inflected and non-inflected verbs (cf. chapter 1). However, this morphological view runs into problems in Romance, where many clause types cannot be readily classified as either finite or non-finite, such as the personal and inflected infinitives, as well as the Balkan-style subjunctives. The main research question of this dissertation has focused on the nature of finiteness as emerging from data from Romance languages. How do these intermediate forms fit in a finite – non-finite continuum? What are its reflexes at a (morpho)syntactic level?

The present dissertation has argued, on the basis of Romance data, that finiteness is not a linguistic primitive (despite proposals regarding functional heads such as Fin(iteness), cf. Rizzi 1997), but has different manifestations at various levels of the grammar. Morphologically, finiteness cannot be defined cross-linguistically (and not even across Romance), as its reflexes are subject to cross-linguistic variation. Syntactically, finiteness manifests itself as the presence of an overt lexical subject, independent tense, and the opacity of the clause (related to the phasality of the clause). However, it has been shown that these are not without exceptions. Semantically, a finite clause is autonomous and possesses an illocutionary force. There are many mismatches between these levels, in the sense that morphological marking is not a reliable indicator for syntactic or semantic finiteness. Moreover, in certain cases (e.g. the inflected infinitive), morphological marking is optional or completely lost, without consequences for the syntax. A purely morphological definition therefore needs to be rejected.

The main proposal put forward in this dissertation is that finiteness should be reinterpreted as anchoring of Tense and Person. These two properties of a clause can be anchored directly or indirectly. In the former case, Tense is deictic and Person is free; in the latter case, both person and tense interpretation can be anaphoric to or restricted by another clause. The two anchoring processes (for Tense and Person) can act independently, but are not completely equal: if Tense is anaphoric, Person must also be. The combination of these degrees for both anchoring processes leads to a scalar view of finiteness. Being syntactically finite is taken to mean that the clause is directly anchored to the speech act; non-finiteness or less-finiteness arises whenever the anchoring takes place via predicate valuation (Ritter & Wiltschko 2014), viz. the clause is anchored by another clause. This syntactic finiteness has consequences for possible interpretations in terms of tense and the reference of the subject. The anchoring properties of the Fin head thus have semantic effects. It has been shown that subjunctives, inflected infinitives and Balkan-style subjunctives occupy an intermediate position on the scale of finiteness, as they often present restrictions in terms of tense and subject interpretation.

These anchoring distinctions originate in the C-domain, which interfaces with the clause above or with the speech act, or more specifically, in the position called *Fin* (cf. Rizzi 1997), which interfaces with the I-domain. Although they originate in the C-domain, the relevant features can be shared with or donated to functional heads in the I-domain (Chomsky 2004; Ouali 2008). Whenever the C-domain is absent, there is no independent anchoring available. There are thus several structural ways in which clauses can be non-finite. A certain sequence of functional heads (including T and/or C) can be completely absent, leading to non-finiteness, or the clause can have the relevant C- and/or T-heads, which are however specified for indirect anchoring (Adger 2007:26–7), leading to semi-finiteness. It is predicted therefore that a reduction of functional structure will lead to a reduction of finiteness (Givón 1990; Ledgeway 2007:363). However, the reverse does not hold: a full clausal structure does not imply full finiteness, as the *Fin* head can anchor a clause not only to the speech event, but also to a higher clause. There is thus no absolute correlation between clause size and finiteness. There is also no one-to-one correspondence between finiteness and phasality: finite clauses are usually phasal CPs; however, non-finite clauses can be phases (e.g. subjunctives, which are defective phases, or vP-sized infinitives), or not (e.g. complements to raising verbs are TPs). It seems however that only completely finite clauses are non-defective CP-phases.

This is confirmed by the results of chapter 2, where the correlation between different degrees of finiteness and the amount of functional structure in a clause were investigated. Although infinitival complementisers AD/DE, SCal. *mu/ma/mi* and Salentino *cu* head differently sized clauses depending on the matrix verb selecting them, the same is not true for their Romanian counterpart *să*. The Romanian irrealis complementiser behaves similarly to USID *che/chi* in that it always heads a CP (with at least *Fin*). The fact that in Romanian all *să*-complements are of the same size but nonetheless show differences in the level of finiteness, is unexpected given the uniformity principle (Chomsky 2001). One would expect that irrealis non-finite structures selected by a certain class of matrix verbs correspond to the same structures cross-linguistically, contrary to fact. This leads to two major conclusions: irrealis subordinators are a spurious category, heading different functional projections along the clausal spine; and moreover, finiteness does not correlate with clause size, as non-finite complements can be vPs, TPs or CPs. The same functional verb can select a smaller complement in Salentino or Southern Calabrian, but a CP in Romanian. Similarly, a verb like *a putea* ‘to be able’ can select both a vP and CP complement (Nicolae 2016). Other studies that confirm this result, i.e. that the same functional verb can select different sizes of complement within and across languages, include Ledgeway (2012b; 2015a), who argues for northern Salentino that in case of *cu*-drop, the complement is IP rather than CP. Similarly, Sheehan & Cyrino (to appear) show that causative and perception verbs select phasal vP complements in English, but TP in Brazilian Portuguese.

Focusing on the position of the verb in non- and less-finite clauses, the overall finding is that there is a commonality to the syntax of less- and non-finite verbs despite morphological differences: all target a high clausal position at the edge of IP, close to CP, in all Romance languages studied. We find thus a thoroughly different movement pattern than in finite indicative forms, where Romance languages differ in the position targeted by the verb (Schifano 2018). The pattern instead resembles more the high placement of the subjunctive. There is no difference in verb movement between finite and non-finite forms in the traditional definition; subjunctives instead pattern with infinitives, gerunds etc. in their high verb movement. This movement is caused by the need for all these verbs to be anchored by the higher predicate, as they are all less finite. For the indirect anchoring to take place, the verb needs to move to *Fin* (as in *Aux-to-Comp*), or, whenever a complementiser is located in *Fin*, the verb needs to be its direct complement so that the verb and the anchoring head *Fin* can be in a local relationship. The movement to satisfy this requirement in case of indirect anchoring has consequences for the subject position in some of these clauses: the canonical preverbal subject position is not available. This is the case with the personal infinitive, the Sardinian inflected infinitive, the Balkan-style subjunctive, and the gerund.

With regard to changes in finiteness, the rise of the dual complementiser systems attested in Romanian, Southern Calabrian and Salentino is informative, because here the irrealis subordinator has also replaced many uses of the canonical Romance infinitive. It has been argued that Sal. *cu* and SCal. *mu*, contrary to traditional views, both derive from the same etymon, viz. *QUOMODO* 'how'. Given the Latin evidence and the similarities between Calabrese *mu* and Salentino *cu*, this seems a more convincing etymology for these particles than the generally accepted *MODO* and *QUOD* respectively. Ro. *să* on the other hand, derives from the merger of the conditional complementiser *SI* and the purposive complementiser *SI(C)*. The grammaticalisation of these different irrealis markers has shown that, although they form a heterogeneous category and derive from different etyma, there is a general pattern in their diachrony: they all grammaticalise downwards (*pace* Roberts & Roussou 2003). They typically derive from high C-heads, which move towards the lowest position of the C-domain, viz. *Fin*, which is the locus of the anchoring of the clause. The irrealis complementisers all have in common that they mark indirect anchoring of the clause. *Cu* and *mu*, contrary to Ro. *să*, subsequently grammaticalise further down, to head complements to functional verbs, on a par with reflexes of AD and DE.

At first glance, there seems to have been a change in the degree of finiteness in these languages, since the infinitival structures have been replaced with seemingly finite structures (the so-called *impopolarità dell'infinito* 'the impopularity of the infinitive' (Rohlf 1969:102-106)). The Balkan-style subjunctive is indeed more finite under a traditional morphological view of finiteness (cf. discussion in chapter 1), but on a syntactic level, the Balkan-style subjunctive is as finite as an infinitival complement, depending on the matrix verb selecting it. So, even if a morphologically

non-finite form like the infinitive is replaced by a morphologically more finite form (i.e. the subjunctive), these properties of the complement clause do not change, as they ultimately depend on the matrix verb selecting the clause in question, and we do not have an increase in the degree of *syntactic* finiteness. This confirms once more that morphology is not a reliable indicator of finiteness.

The results of this dissertation raise questions more generally about the syntax-semantics interface. It has been shown that the same semantics need not be mapped onto the same syntactic structure. The same functional verbs can select different sizes of complements without leading to changes in its finiteness or semantics. It thus seems that inactivation of present functional structure or complete absence of functional structure does not lead to any difference at LF (*pace* Cinque 1999). This is particularly problematic for the cartographic approach, because it is assumed that the sequence of functional heads is universal, and partly determined through semantics (Cinque & Rizzi 2015:77). The different realisations of the complement to a modal like ‘can’ constitute a problem for cartographic enterprises because the same semantics does not map onto the same structure. It has been concluded therefore that non-finite clauses can be CPs which contain a series of inaccessible heads, rendering them less finite, as is the case in Romanian *să*-clauses. I thus conclude that the strongest cartographic hypothesis, according to which all projections are always projected and that there is a one-to-one isomorphic mapping between syntax and semantics, is too strong.

There are a few issues that remain points for further research. The first concerns the role of morphology, which I have considered to be an unreliable indicator of finiteness. The question arises how children acquire the distinction between direct and indirect anchoring, if morphology provides misleading clues. Another point that needs to be investigated further is the role between mood/modality and finiteness. Modal forms in Romance, such as the subjunctive, are less finite than indicative ones. In fact, it has been proposed that non-finiteness and mood are two sides of the same coin (Vincent 1998). I have proposed that non-finite and subjunctive events have in common that they are not directly anchored to the speech act, but anchored indirectly, to a higher verb, or, in case of modally marked forms, to another possible world. Indirect anchoring is thus what they have in common. The second anchoring mechanism to another possible world could be explored further in future work.

Moreover, there are more clause types that are potentially interesting to investigate in terms of finiteness, such as pseudo-coordination (Ledgeway 1997; 2016a; Andriani 2017:chap. 5; Di Caro 2018) and true imperatives. They have been excluded from the present dissertation for limitations of time and space. These are *a priori* finite-looking verbs, which however show properties of non-finite verbs (e.g. the coordinated verbs are interpreted as one event in the case pseudo-coordination; imperatives in many Romance varieties show enclisis like non-finite verbs and are restricted in their temporal and person interpretation as present and 2<sup>nd</sup> person). The

model for finiteness proposed in this dissertation could be tested against these clause types as well.

Another line of further research that would be interesting to pursue is to address the question of whether what has been discussed here for Romance extends to other language families as well, such as Germanic. Is the interaction between the anchoring mechanisms for tense and person Romance-specific? It has been argued that languages can differ in their main anchoring property (Ritter & Wiltschko 2014): this can be tense, as in Indo-European, but also person or location. It would be interesting to apply the current model to languages which do not have tense as their main anchoring category. The prediction would be that once a language combines two anchoring mechanisms, as in Romance, there will be several intermediate forms between fully finite (deictic) and non-finite (anchored via predicate valuation), irrespective of the (phono)morphological realisations of these anchoring mechanisms.

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